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## SOME SELECTIONS FOR THE RACES.

**Apollo's Big Task in Aggregate Stakes. OUTSIDERS MAY WIN.**

[By "Wombat."] Providing we have no more rain there is a chance that the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will decide on conducting the third extra race meeting at Happy Valley this afternoon. The track, which has been narrowed by half for repair purposes, is in a fairly good condition, considering the amount of rain which has fallen of late.

As usually happens when rainy weather is experienced form may be upset, especially with the top weights of the handicap classes.

Therefore, backers should not take too much liberty with the light weights in these particular events.

The runners in the Second Aggregate Stakes this afternoon will be equal if not better than anything which has accepted for this race in previous years, and a couple of the very best candidates are Apollo and Sitting Bull. The former, who has the distinction of being the fastest pony in training on our local course, is reported to be at his very best, having had a couple of nice winning gallops of late. Sitting Bull will be making his first effort in this race. He may be accompanied to the post by Glenagles, who is a fast galloping stable mate, and although Sitting Bull may not have a lot of pace he can certainly stay the distance which should at least assure him of a place.

### SELECTIONS.

1st Race:— Redskins, Varmoose, Acacia Leaf.

2nd Race:— Vasyloch, Boxing Eve, Jill.

3rd Race:— Fritillary, Armony, Mount Elburz.

4th Race:— Apollo, Sitting Bull, Gay Crusader.

5th Race:— Glenagles, Hetman.

6th Race:— Nokhail, Groombridge, Happy Choice.

7th Race:— Wonderful Stag, Daylight Eve, Fortune Bay.

8th Race:— Daylight Eve, Christmas Frolic, Lobster Bay.

9th Race:— Britannic Hall, Tango, The Pheasant.

10th Race:— Mike, Cyclamen Bay, Valorous.

11th Race:— Evening Star, Fritz, Thunderclap.

### BANKRUPTCY LAW.

#### NEW BILL OPERATIVE FROM JANUARY 1.

In the Government Gazette is published the draft of a Bill relating to bankruptcy.

The object is to repeal the existing Ordinance of 1891 which is out of date and to replace it by an Ordinance based on the Bankruptcy Act, 1914, but adapted to local conditions. Its commencement is postponed until January 1, 1932, so as to give time for the preparation of the rules which are to be made thereunder.

The principal differences between the Bill and the statute law now in force in Britain are shown in the table of correspondence. That table also shows the principal differences between the Bill and the present Bankruptcy Ordinance.

## AFRICAN CHIEFS TO VISIT BRITAIN.

**Evidence on Closer Union in East Africa.**

### TOUR OF SIGHT-SEEING.

Rugby, Yesterday. A joint select committee which is considering the question of closer union in East Africa is shortly to take evidence from native witnesses selected to represent the various tribes and sections of opinion in Kenya, Uganda and the Mandated Territory of Tanganyika. Its object is to stimulate inter-Imperial Trade by a study of conditions and exchange of views with leading Canadian business men. — British Wireless Service.

The witnesses, who represent more than 10,000,000 natives in East Africa and are for the most part Chiefs or members of Native Councils, arrive in Britain on April 22 and will stay about three weeks.

During their stay they will fulfil an extensive programme, including visits to the London Docks, Croydon Airport, Schools of Forestry and Agriculture at Oxford, besides sightseeing and a number of social engagements.

A section of the party will go to Lancashire to study the cotton industry.

It is hoped that as well as facilitating the work of the committee the visit will prove of instructional value to the natives. — British Wireless Service.

## EDUCATIONAL ZEAL OF CHINA.

**Desire for Interchange of Professors.**

### SCHEME APPROVED.

Paris, Yesterday. The Chinese Government has sent a letter to the League of Nations suggesting that arrangements should be made for an exchange of scientists and professors between the Universities of China and other countries, particularly European countries.

The letter says that professors of English literature, geography, and geology would be especially welcome at the Central University of Nanking.

The letter has been referred to the International Institute of Intellectual Co-operation, the Executive Committee of which has decided to express a very favourable opinion in regard to the proposal. — Reuter.

### MOSLEY PARTY.

**TO SUPPORT CANDIDATE FOR BY-ELECTION.**

### OTHERS PENDING.

Rugby, Yesterday. A writ has been issued for the by-election at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, which will have a special interest as the new Party organised by Sir Oswald Mosley have announced their intention of putting up a candidate for the first time.

Three other by-elections are already pending and another at Scarborough will follow the resignation, for reasons of health, of the Conservative member, Captain Herbert, reported to-day. — British Wireless Service.

### KING OF SIAM.

**SUFFERING FROM CHEST TROUBLE.**

### QUEEN ACTS AS DEPUTY.

Vancouver, Yesterday. The King of Siam arrived here to-day. He is indisposed with bronchial trouble and remained aboard until the departure of the train for New York. The Queen deputised for her husband at the civic reception. — Reuter.

### NAVAL AGREEMENT

**DRAFTING COMMITTEE MEETS IN LONDON.**

Rugby, Yesterday. The Drafting Committee in connection with the Italian and French Naval Agreement met to-day in London and after a long sitting adjourned till Monday. — British Wireless Service.

## INTER-IMPERIAL TRADE.

**BRITISH DELEGATION TO VISIT CANADA.**

### EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Federation of British Industries trade mission to Canada — the first Mission of its kind to be dispatched by a representative body of British industry — is leaving London to-morrow, consisting of Sir James Lithgow, Sir Arthur Duckham and Mr. Moir Mackenzie. Its object is to stimulate inter-Imperial Trade by a study of conditions and exchange of views with leading Canadian business men. — British Wireless Service.

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## HONOUR FOR HOME ASTRONOMER.

**TO BE PRESENTED WITH FRANKLIN MEDAL.**

### PHYSICAL RESEARCH.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Head British Astronomer is leaving Britain to-morrow for the United States, where next month he will be presented with the Franklin Medal for research into Physical Science — one of the highest honours open to scientists in the world. — British Wireless Service.

## MISSIONARY TAKEN BY BANDITS.

**RANSOM TO BE PAID BY WEEK-END.**

### HOPE OF RESCUE.

Peking, Yesterday. Mrs. A. G. Lindholm has telegraphed from Kalgan saying that bandits captured her husband near Pao-tou-tien yesterday afternoon and are demanding the payment of \$2,500 before Saturday.

Mr. A. G. Lindholm belongs to the Scandinavian Alliance Mission of North America, and the American Legation has telegraphed to the Chairman of the Siaiyuan province to do everything possible to effect a rescue.

It is thought possible that the Legation may send someone to assist in the rescue as was done in the case of Mr. Hayward and another missionary in November last. — Reuter.

### GIFT TO GLASGOW.

**SIR THOMAS LIPTON GIVES £10,000 TO POOR.**

Rugby, Yesterday. Sir Thomas Lipton has given another £10,000 to the poor of Glasgow in memory of his mother. — British Wireless Service.

### TRIBUTE BY KING.

**LORD IRWIN THANKED FOR HIS SERVICES.**

Rugby, Yesterday.

H.M. the King has sent a telegram to Lord Irwin on his 50th birthday expressing high appreciation of the retiring Viceroy's great services. — British Wireless Service.

### APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Dr. William Brownlowe Ashe Moore to act as Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, with effect from April 11, and to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council during his tenure of office as Acting Director.

With reference to Government Notification of March 26, His Excellency the Governor has made the following additional appointment to the Committee appointed to advise him regarding applications under the Companies Ordinance, 1911, (as amended by the Companies Ordinance, 1930), for authority to act as auditors in respect of Companies, other than China Companies, registered under the principal Ordinance, which keep their accounts in English. — Mr. J. Hennessy Seth.

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## ALFONSO'S PLANS

**"I WISH TO EFFACE MYSELF."**

### NEW TITLE

### UNCERTAIN WHERE TO LIVE.

London, Yesterday. It was announced to-day in Paris and Madrid respectively that France and Chile have recognised the new Spanish Government.

Gibraltar, Yesterday. Amid cries of "Long Live the King" from a crowd of Monarchist sympathisers, King Alfonso's third son, the Infante Juan, left for Naples aboard the Italian liner Roma.

Paris, Yesterday.

The Duke of Miranda, in a statement to the Press, said that King Alfonso, who has adopted the incognito title of Duke of Toledo, wished to efface himself and his plans. He was uncertain and did not know whether to reside in England or the South of France.

Barcelona, Yesterday. Labour and Republicans are at loggerheads over the former's choice of a new Civil Governor.

### RAIN.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The anti-cyclone is central over the north-west of Korea.

A depression still prevails over Tonking.

Local forecast:— East winds; moderate; overcast; rain.

The National Confederation of Labour opposes the Government nominee. Noisy mobs throng the streets and released all prisoners. Business is at a standstill.

Financial Policy.

Madrid, Later. Republicans' financial policy is out in a nutshell by the Finance Minister, Senor Prieto, as follows:— Firstly, that all loan operations transacted during the dictatorship will be respected; secondly, that the Bank of Spain is supporting the Republican policy; thirdly, that the Government is satisfied that the stability of the peseta should be maintained by ordinary means, and they do not intend to squander millions of pesetas by an artificial bolstering of the exchange.

Ten per cent. withdrawals from current accounts will temporarily be paid in silver to avert a possible shortage of notes. Senor Prieto predicted that within a few days everything will be stabilised and everybody will imagine that the new regime has been in existence for 20 years!

Republican Split?

Madrid, Yesterday.

The Government's anxiety to avoid embarrassment by a "Republic within a Republic" is implied in the hasty despatch of two Ministers by air to Barcelona, to persuade Catalonians to modify their alarming separatist determinations, hitherto evinced by their own flag and national anthem and the appointment of a "Minister Plenipotentiary in Madrid."

Catalonians are unresponsive to this overture, and emphasise their reluctance to sacrifice their opportunity as they did during the short lived Republic of 1872, when Catalonians agreed to await the appointment of a constituent assembly. The latter never met, because the Monarchy was restored. — Reuter.

Earlier News.

Madrid, Yesterday. "The last felony of a great felon," is how the newspaper Socialista describes Alfonso's manifesto, whose publication has been greeted with much amazement and indignation.

Political prisoners are now being released from the jails of

## PRINCE BIBESCO'S PLANE CRASHES.

**Machine Gutted After Tank Explosion.**

### OCCUPANTS IN HOSPITAL.

Allahabad, Yesterday. Prince Bibesco's plane made a forced landing and ran into a ditch. The petrol tank exploded and the machine burst into flames and was burnt out. The injured airmen were taken to a hospital in Benares. — Reuter.

Early Cables.

Bombay, Yesterday. Prince George Bibesco, who is engaged, with several companions, on a flight from Paris to Saigon, has crashed between Gaya and Allahabad.

All four occupants of Prince Bibesco's plane are seriously injured, and only Prince Bibesco has so far regained consciousness. — Reuter.

## MERCANTILE PLANS OF SOVIET.

**Order for Construction of Large Fleet.**

### TONNAGE OF 170,000.

Riga, Yesterday. The Soviet has decided to undertake the immediate construction of a big mercantile fleet, and the Council of Labour has instructed the Supreme Economic Council to guarantee the construction of 44 ships with a total tonnage of 170,000, as well as four oil tankers and a number of smaller craft, to be completed before the end of 1931.

Plans for 1932 include the construction of shipbuilding yards, floating docks, etc. — Reuter.

## LINKING THE EMPIRE.

**Phone Service Ready for Australia.**

### FUTURE EXTENSIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Postmaster General announces that the British and Australian telephone service is now available to all parts of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

It is hoped shortly to extend it to Western Australia. — British Wireless Service.

### OUR CURRENCY.

### OBVIOUS PROCEDURE TO TAKE.

In order to avoid any misunderstanding the Hong Kong Currency Commission desire it to be known that they are, of course, prepared to consider signed communications from persons preferring to submit their views in this form.

Such communications will be treated as strictly confidential.

Madrid, 130 being let out on Wednesday and 190 yesterday.

Wearing red brassards, the new "Republican Civic Guard" are on duty, having sworn to observe a strict code whereby they are ready to "watch over the order and welfare of the Spanish Republic, and if necessary to have recourse to violence under any circumstances against peaceful manifestations of the citizens."

How the revolution will affect the balance of power in Europe is indicated by the Foreign Minister.

Interviewed regarding the supposed secret Italo-Spanish treaty, he said he had

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## SPORT NOTICES

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 18th April, 1931, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure (both including tax) for the members of their wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

No pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookkeepers, Tic Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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ruffle of finely pleated tulle or a soft ruffle is specially popular.

Some frocks carry the ruffle over the shoulder instead of using narrow straps. As some shoulder covering is necessary for a bridesmaid many of the frocks show a cape treatment. Others show a deep U decolletage outlined with a ruffle of soft fabric.

Ruffled skirt treatments are much seen. These are placed either in

Nurseries are living stoutly up to the "Buy British" campaign, for nearly all the Summer fashions depend on Lancashire cotton materials for their success.

The striped cotton for the sunshirts suits, the zephyr for smocks and knickers to match, the sprigged cotton for frocks and sun bonnets, and the flowered cottons which mothers are now using to trim cots and baskets, all come from Lancashire looms.

Smocked zephyr in blue, yellow, and green is to be one of the favourite materials for morning frocks, each of which has two pairs of knickers to match, and many mothers are doing the smocking themselves, like the Hon. Mrs. Francis Rodd, and finding this old-fashioned embroidery great fun to do, and capable of almost infinite variety.

Many of these smocking patterns are literally hundreds of years old, handed down in country places from mother to daughter.

Irish linen, haircord muslin, organdie, and organdina are other favourite materials.

Organdina is in a form of organdie muslin with a gloss on it giving a shot effect that Lady Muriel Wiloughby has specially made for her in Ireland for the delicate babies' dresses that she designs under the name of "Wendy," and each little dress now has its coat to match.

This fashion, which the nursery world has borrowed from its elders, is so becoming that Lady Muriel finds her workpeople cannot make the little coats fast enough to cope with the demand.

Silk and silk linen in a parchment shade, embroidered with miniature

sections on the side of the skirt or taken all round.

Long classic lines are preferred for the bridal frock and lace trimming, either in the form of shallow yokes or entire bodice tops, is much used. Traditional satin is the most sought-after fabric, although some frocks are made entirely of lace in simple styles with flounced skirts.

Bouquets were not so popular at some of London's smartest weddings this Winter. Many of the bridesmaids were glad of the comfort of muffs, into which they could snuggle their hands, knowing also that these were a charming finish to the Early Victorian frocks.

One bride who was married in the private chapel of her ancestral home in the North of Scotland, carried a pale blue velvet prayer-book and wore shoes of the same tone. Her frock, of course, was of white satin, worn over an underskirt of Brussels lace, and her ten maidens were in tissue, six in gold and four in silver, with wreaths of golden oak leaves in their hair.



This group of smart afternoon frocks features many of the new fashion modes for Spring.

## FOR KIDDIES.

The Nursery Chooses Its Spring Clothes.

[By Audrey Wrangham.]

Already in the nursery they are talking of the Spring, and the green leaves and the sunshine, and in the departments given over to their needs in the big shops optimistic Summer fashions are now on view for the children.

It is evident that sun-bathing, tried out experimentally by nannies last Summer in Kensington Gardens, is to be taken seriously this year, and "sunshine suits" have been specially designed by a Bromley Road store for children of all ages, from the toddler of 18 months to the superior young persons of 8 and 9. These are just one-piece garments of striped cotton material, in shape resembling the mackintosh paddlers worn by the seaside, and backless, with straps over the shoulders buttoning to the knickers behind. These suits can be worn next to the skin or over a vest.

In all cases a hat is provided of the same material, as it is essential that while sun-bathing children should keep their heads covered to avoid sunstroke. There is no doubt that they will be much more popular than bathing dresses, which never looked quite right in the parks, and nannie or the nurserymaid will be able to wash them through at home.

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Swiss peasants in national costume, make a most attractive and unusual frock in this salon, and the knickers have more peasants walking round their hem, while a Shantung frock with a shoulder cape can be hand-embroidered either in strawberries — what a luscious thought — or with pansies. — Ex.

## NEW PYJAMAS.

Someone specialising in pyjamas has designed an ultra-smart scheme which is surprisingly practical. With a pair of Milaneese pyjamas, they have included a woolen blouse. The blouse is of Shetland wool and, in white or pink, it is attractive besides being exceedingly comfortable. This pyjama mode, as is the vogue to-day, has also a three-quarter coat of Milaneese neatly embroidered in silk of the same colour in a simple cross-stitch design.



## MANICURE IN MINIATURE.

Various manicure implements set into tiny golf bags are well-known, and for a short stay away from home, such small accessories are very valuable. Something new is a nail buffer which opens at the side to show space for at least five necessary nail tools. Even a small pair of scissors fits neatly into the buffer on the other side. This is far more useful than packing a large case of manicure utensils.

## COLOUR CONTRASTS.

Tailored styles, the classical suit (which will come into its own again soon) has some serious rivals at the moment.

Some of these show short jackets, rather fantastic in cut, in pale colourings, worn with dark skirts.

Beige and brown are effective, also light and dark grey and light and dark green, and a few bold spirits are ringing such changes successfully with blue and pink and even mauve.

Walcoats are another form of colour contrast which ensure that costumes shall not lack interest at the moment.

One, in bright green linen, supplied a vivid touch of colour to a beige kasha coat and skirt. In this case the short, loose-fitting coat had bandy-keels — another departure from the classical and rather an effective one.

## SPRING SUITS.

Checked Materials The Vogue.

London, March 24.

Looking for a new Spring outfit is a more than usually exciting business just now, when every day discloses some new aspect of Spring fashions. The best way to make certain of being perfectly satisfied is to study as many models as possible in order to decide between their respective merits. Then choose the model of your dreams and you are sure to be happy.

### Quite Simple.

It is not at all necessary to undertake a long pilgrimage to study the various aspects of Spring fashions. All of them are illustrated in the salons of Peter Robinson, Ltd., Oxford Street and Regent Street, W., where Dorothy Thatcher sketched the models.

Checked materials are used for outfits for all occasions. This particular model is made of a black-and-green sponge-bag check woolen fabric, and as the plain green crepe de Chine blouse has elbow high cuffs of the checked material, it can be worn with or without the coat (which has elbow length sleeves) without in any way interfering with the smart appearance of the wearer.

Another outfit, made from a black-and-white checked canvas-like wool fabric, has a three-quarter length coat worn over a dress the deep flounce of which has alternate groups of box and knife pleats.

Some women like plain materials. For them, too, there are numbers of models from which to choose, including one of almond green etoile de laine, the tunic jumper of which is decorated with horizontal rows of hemstitching, as, also, is the sleeveless complementary coat.

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To return to the tailor-mades, these are available in a number of attractive colourings, including the fashionable shades of green, and also in brown, black and navy.

One particularly attractive model in heavy green hopsack has a straight-stitched coat with green side buttons on the pockets and a stitched border both to the coat and the edge of the wrap-over skirt. — Evening Standard.

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Mr. Owen went to London in 1922 with a wide experience which has been invaluable to the Authority in solving the problems of running the port through which flows more than one-third of the total trade of the United Kingdom. Educated at Liverpool Institute, he served his business apprenticeship for 13 years with the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, and afterwards was manager and secretary of Messrs. Paul Bros., well-known flour millers of Liverpool and Birkenhead. In 1908 he was appointed assistant manager, and subsequently became manager, of Geole Docks. He then passed on to the port of Belfast as general manager and secretary.

The period since Mr. Owen has been in London has been one of great activity and progress in the port. Large schemes of improvement works have been inaugurated and completed, including the extension of the Tilbury Docks and the provision there of a new entrance lock, capable of accommodating the largest vessel afloat, and a new dry dock; modernisation of the West India and Millwall Dock System; the passenger landing-stage in the river at Tilbury; new docks and equipment at the Surrey Commercial System for London's vast timber trade; the completion of the river dredging programme, as well as a host of other works.

Equally important have been Mr. Owen's strenuous efforts and achievements in the direction of economy. Wherever the opportunity occurred, mechanical appliances have been installed and operating efficiency has been effected through extensive staff re-organisation. Economies effected have permitted the Authority to make reductions in port charges to the extent of nearly £1,000,000 per annum since 1925. He has visited the principal ports of Europe and America in his efforts to find anything that could increase the efficiency of London.

Mr. Owen is well known in the transport world. He is a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Engineer and Railway Staff Corps of the Royal Engineers (T.A.), a vice-president of the Institute of Transport, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Dock and Harbour Authorities' Association. He has a literary style of his own, and has published several books, including, "A Short History of the Port of Belfast," "A History of Belfast and "The Port of London Yesterday and To-day."

**A NEGLECTED MARKET?**
**British Opportunities in Morocco.**

Lord Edward Gleichen, president of the British Merchants' Morocco Association, draws attention to the remarkable growth of the import trade into Morocco, and to the small share of it that has come our way. The comparative table he gives of total imports and of Great Britain's proportion are striking. Only the items relating to tyres and accessories need concern us here, however. The figures show that imports under this heading amounted to 4,281 tons in bulk and were valued at £548,000, and that the share of this country was a mere 107 tons, valued at £17,846. No explanation can be given for this singular failure on the part of our traders to take advantage of a growing market. There are no tariff barriers to be surmounted and British merchants have ample protection in the capitulations and in our consular courts. Moreover, the above association was founded by Lord Milner 18 years ago for the express purpose of encouraging and assisting trade with that country. There is absolute equality of treatment extended to all nations, and yet out of a total import trade of £24,000,000 we can claim only one-twelfth. Lower costs of production in other countries can, no doubt, account to some degree for this lack of progress, but Lord Edward

**ADVANCE OF MODERN SHIPPING.**
**Dutch Liner Tambora to Be Scrapped.**

The Steamship Company Rotterdamsche Lloyd, which, during the last few years, has added several large vessels to its fleet has of late taken delivery of the mail motor-vessel Dempo, the flagship of the Lloyd, at present berthed alongside the Company's Rotterdam premises, and open to inspection by the public, says "Fairplay." Many of these sightseers will, perhaps, join the Dempo again as would-be passengers, attracted by its vast promenade decks, its veranda cafe, palm courts, fine state-rooms, lounges, in short, everything that goes to make travelling without the inconveniences attached to it in most cases.

However, when new ships are added to great liner Companies, old ones, without the modern comfort, which nowadays is indispensable to the fastidious taste of passengers, have to be scrapped, even if in the matter of years and capacity to brave the elements they are not really so very old. This fate has now overtaken the Tambora of the same Company, which has fallen into the hands of Messrs. Frank Rysdyk's Industrial Company, for breaking-up purposes. The Tambora was built by the same yard as the new Dempo, viz., Scheelschijf Shipbuilding Co., at Flushing. It is interesting to compare some of the features of these two vessels. The Tambora, built in 1910, measures 5,650 tons, whereas the Dempo is about 18,000 tons. The speed of the first vessel was 14 knots, and of the latter over 18 knots. The space reserved for saloon passengers accommodates respectively 134 and 500, a large difference. When the Tambora performed her trial trip the papers wrote about her: "This ship of a new type is again larger than its predecessors and the accommodation for passengers is still more comfortable."

Nowadays people would look askance at the comforts of the Tambora, which is the reason why this still strong and well-kept vessel must end its days in the yard of the shipbreaker. If twenty years can make such changes in the appearance and capacity of ships, what wonders are we to see in the next twenty, if the art of the shipbuilder and decorator develops at the same pace as it has done during the previous period? Another vessel Gorontalo, of 9,100 tons deadweight in 1909, has been sold recently for the same purpose.

The Tambora was a regular caller at Singapore when she was on the Holland-Batavia run and carried mail and passengers to and from that port.

**ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.**

Thursday, April 16. Anniston City, American str., 3,460 tons, Capt. R. V. Tillet, from Shanghai, buoy No. A7.—Bank Line.

Ryuho Maru, Japanese str., 1,981 tons, Captain O. Ezawa, from Dairen, buoy No. B23.—D.K.K. Tallyrand, Norwegian str., 9,750 tons, Capt. Harold Berg, from Oslo and Norway, Kowloon Wharf.—Thoresen & Co.

Friday, April 17. Emp. of Canada, British str., 21,516 tons, Capt. A. J. Hally, R.N.R. from Vancouver, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S.

Hakozaki Maru, Japanese str., 6,310 tons, Capt. K. Ogawa, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—N.Y.K.

Haruna Maru, Japanese str., 10,420 tons, Capt. S. Uemoto, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Kumsung, British str., 5,447 tons, Captain J. H. Ferguson, from Caledon and Straits, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Kwongsang, British str., 1,428 tons, Capt. A. B. Osmond, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Shun Lee, Chinese str., 949 tons, Capt. B. Miyaoka, from Chefoo, buoy No. B17.—Yee Tai Hong.

Szechuan, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—E. & S.

**ALIEN SEAMEN.**
**STRANGE BILL PASSED BY SENATE.**

The U.S. Senate passed a Bill which, if finally enacted, will be a frank encouragement of the desertion of seamen from foreign merchant vessels. On February 20 the Senate had refused to reconsider another measure antecedently passed which, under the guise of a more rigid enforcement of the restrictive immigration policy of the United States, provided for the deportation of certain alien seamen" as a protection against desertion.

The Bill is identical with that passed by the 70th Congress but not then considered by the House. It relates "to the payment of advance wages and allotments in respect of seamen on foreign vessels," and is an attempt to fulfil one of the purposes of the La Follette Seamen's Act of 1915. It is explained with engaging candour in the following extract from the report upon it of the Senate Committee's legislative counsel:

The plan was as follows:—Section 16 of the Seamen's Act abolished the remedy of arrest and imprisonment for the desertion of foreign seamen in the ports of the United States and the treaty provisions requiring specific performance of the terms of contracts for seamen's services made abroad were abrogated. Inasmuch as wages were higher in the ports of the United States than in foreign ports it was contemplated that foreign seamen who signed shipping articles at the lower wage scales prevailing at foreign ports would, since they were no longer prevented by legal process, take advantage of the higher American wage level on reaching the ports of the United States, and find new jobs at the higher wages. A foreign ship must then fill up its crew at the current wages in the United States port. Thus, both the vessels of the United States and foreign vessels running to and from ports of the United States would have the same labour operating costs.

The foreign seaman, of course, should have "sufficient money upon reaching an American port to carry him until he procured his new job," and Section 4 of the Seamen's Act empowered him to demand one-half of his wages when he left a foreign ship. Here, however, appeared a flaw in the plan, for the deduction of advance wages or allotments of wages made when seamen signed their shipping articles at a foreign port might leave a seaman with "no ready money." Accordingly the Bill, passed by the Senate, purports to prevent vessels of foreign countries from advancing wages to seamen on board their vessels in foreign ports by providing that such advances may not be deducted when wages are demanded in ports of the United States—an assertion of extraterritorial jurisdiction which has provoked some criticism from lawyers whose opinion has been asked.

"In private life," said one of them, "inducing employees to violate their contracts is looked upon as unethical, to say the least, and it is questionable how far the United States should go towards any such purpose with respect to inducing seamen on foreign vessels to violate their contracts. The proposed legislation does violence to the limits within which nations have confined their regulatory powers by virtue of the necessities of international commerce."

It is uncertain whether the Senate Bill, which has gone to the House of Representatives, will be considered by that body. Even if it should pass it is unlikely that the President would sign it. But the question will undoubtedly come up again in the next session of Congress.

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*SONALI	—	8th Aug.	M'selles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	16,508	15th Aug.	Bombay, M'selles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	M'selles & London.
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*ALIPORE	5,273	28th Apr.	Moji & Kobo.
TILAWA	10,006	8th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobo & Osaka.
KASHMIR	8,985	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobo, Osaka & Y'hama.
TANDA	6,953	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobo, Osaka & Y'hama.
RANIPURA	16,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobo & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	7,754	24th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobo & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobo & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobo, Osaka & Y'hama.
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KHYBER	9,114	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobo & Yokohama.
NELORE	6,853	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobo & Y'hama.
RAJPUTANA	16,580	12th July	Shanghai, Kobo & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	21st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobo & Yokohama.
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## SUEZ CANAL LEVIES.

### The Views of Merchant Service Guild.

Considerable publicity has been given to the complaint in the annual report of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild with regard to the large amounts that have to be paid out by shipping companies in Suez Canal dues. This has resulted in a number of questions being asked in Parliament, but so far the President of the Board of Trade has taken the line that the matter is beyond his scope. The last of this matter, however, has not been heard, and it is likely that considerable pressure will be brought to bear on the Government, as the largest shareholders in the Suez Canal Company, to take some action in this matter.

The relevant extract from the Guild's Report is as follows:

It is more than a serious question as to what can be done by the Government, by everyone identified with shipping and by the public at large, in coming to the rescue of the shipping industry and relieving it, as far as possible, of burdens which so greatly harass shipowners in the pursuit of their different undertakings. The shipping industry at any rate has distinguished itself amongst industries generally in being one where difficulties have not been immensely added to by reason of constant friction and trouble between employers and employees. Many comparatively small difficulties have been smoothed out by the National Maritime Board, and it is good to know that the shipowners of this country recognise that the loyalty and zeal of those engaged in their ships is an asset, we almost might say, without price.

Shipowners are quite competent to manage their own business but we would like to state in this Report how cordially all seafarers will support their effort in obtaining some alleviation of their difficulties by means of substantial reduction of dues which are levied by the Suez Canal Company for the right to pass through the Suez Canal. A shipmaster member of the Guild stated that in the course of an Eastern voyage the cost in levies of his steamer passing through the Canal is £1,900 each way, or a total of £3,800 in the course of voyage out and home.

In another case of which we hear, a certain passenger vessel pays £30,000 a year in Suez Canal levies. During the past few years, British shipping has been battling against grave adversity. Conversely, the profits of the Suez Canal Company have greatly swollen year by year, the results in their own word being "brilliant." We do not wonder that in their Annual Report, the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners' Association dwells not only eloquently but convincingly upon this subject. We would suggest it is high time that the representatives of the British Government on the Suez Canal Company, and also the British commercial directors of that company, use all the influence which is undoubtedly at their command in mitigating this gravely unfair burden on British shipowners.

**HONG KONG TIDES.**  
The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h = midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (\*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

April 18 to 24, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
April 18	Standard Times	Standard Times
18	11. 6 6 9 12. 4	10. 9 1. 2 1. 5 1. 8
19	12. 1 7 2 1. 4 2. 5	11. 1 2 1 1. 3 1. 6
20	12. 6 2 1 1. 5 2. 6	11. 5 1 1 1. 4 1. 7
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Foreign Men-of-War.

Barker—American destroyer.

Boile—American destroyer.

Helena—American gunboat.

Tracy—American destroyer.

Whipple—American destroyer.



TALKIE TALKS  
by Diane

"The Laughing Lady" with the royal pair of the Talkies, Ruth Chatterton and Clive Brook in the successful stage play in which I remember Marie Lohr, and which Gloria Swanson played so perfectly in the Movies. Of course the regal Chatterton gives of her usual superb work, as the young married woman with baby, whose husband divorces her on circumstantial evidence which blackens her character. Then the fun starts when she vamps and degrades the brilliant lawyer who handled her husband's case. Follows the compromising situation before a newspaper camera, but by this time the hero has fallen a victim to the fair heroine, and he does not care. Moreover, he succeeds in taking back the child, and all ends as it should end—in a play. You will like this above—the average—story. (Central.)

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"Animal Crackers." The same brothers who made "The Cocoanuts," Mystery. Why they advertise Four Marx Brothers! Two of them, draw large salaries for occasionally showing their faces. I am not sure why they even do that. It will pack the King's, as the other play did the Central, simply because there is at present a trend—in this Colony only—toward musical plays.

Groucho Marx is the best of the bunch. Chico and others sometimes help. Not a very expensive production, but it has some amusing situations, and I think I can guarantee will amuse and please—some. (King's.)

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Now we are to see one of the biggest Box Office attractions of the year—"Whooper," with the colourful eye-appealing showmanship of Flo Ziegfeld, plus the abilities of Sam Goldwyn, and, above everything, Eddie Cantor. All have combined to give a most unusual piece of screen entertainment. Eddie carries the entire production on his small but capable shoulders. He is just a natural comedian, and he was also responsible for the enormous success of the stage version. You cannot fail to enjoy the gorgeous and extravagant effects that have made the name of Ziegfeld a household word. Beautiful girls without too much on, tuneful melodies, and the unforgettable tableau finale in an Indian setting that tops anything so far done. Highly recommended. (Queen's.)

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"Strictly Unconventional" Known on the stage as "The Circle." Written by Somerset Maugham who throws the searchlight of truth on an important problem. "Have we right to romance after marriage?" Well, Catherine Dale Owen does not attempt to act. She looks beautiful and wears stunning gowns, but there are Lewis Stone, Paul Cavanagh, and Ernest Torrence, so go and see and judge for yourself, and let me know whether you agree with the famous author. (Queen's.)

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"Ingagi." Claimed to be a great picture. We shall wait and see. Anyhow it was said to be taken in the Belgian Congo, and with sound effects added which should enhance the interest. We are told we shall see wild animals in their native haunts, and gaze upon half apes-half humans in the gorilla country. The Press agents tell us it is no ordinary picture, and is a true record of travel in the heart of Africa. Mrs. Public will not dare prefer "Divorcee," but Mr. Public will be keen about this show. (Central.)

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"On Your Back." The Star is to be closed for a week, but I hope they put this on when it re-opens. It has been showing in the World. Splendid work, as usual, by Irene Rich, and I must not forget H. B. Warner as the rich broker. The story has considerable merit and is the true history of an internationally famous New York modiste. Tells of a mother's sacrifice to build up position and wealth through her shop, where beautiful models serve as bait for wealthy patrons. The title of the play repeats the business slogan of the modiste, "Put your brains on your back." It gives Miss Rich the best opportunity since her Talkie debut; reveals her as a stunning woman and always a splendid actress. She wears perfectly cut gowns—and HOW! The son is played by Raymond Hackelt, chorus girl—cause of trouble—by Marion Shilling, but the highest honours to Warner and Miss Rich. I liked it. (Star.)

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Somebody thought it would be a good idea to have three French girls with broad accents work together in a picture; so they put

that has yet to be coined in the Dictionary, which the Garbo possesses.

The photography was perfection. Garry Cooper so much above everyone else in the film that I am lost in amazement as to the whys and the wherefores of this publicity stuff for Marlene. How do they get that way? By-the-by, with but a penny half-penny per day, I wondered how these Foreign Legion soldiers could throw twenty franc notes around so readily. Disappointed a little in Menjou. He could not convey the fact to me that he was good all through and wanted nothing for all he gave. Menjou did not ring true. Paramount assures us that Marlene has caused a riot in America only comparable with that caused by the Swedish Queen after her first appearance in "The Torrent." I can assure Paramount that she will not cause a worldwide riot. Am I alone when I say the Garbo every time?" Picture after picture and nearly every one a winner. It remains for time to show whether this new star will hold the favour as long and as lovingly as the Garbo. ("Morocco," Central).

## HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Pity to read that the most famous of scenario writers, Frances Marion, is separating from her new husband, George Hill, the Director. Also that, after many years of happily married life, the old-timer, Kathleen Williams, is in Reno divorcing her husband, Charles Eytan.

Elissa Landi with Charles Farrell in "Body and Soul" receives



Ruth Chatterton.



Charles Farrell.

Also "Devil's Holiday" with Nancy Carroll in the kind of part in which she excels—strong drama. Superbly handled by Edmund Goulding, the famous Briton who made "The Trespasser." Central.)

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Hats off to the Paramount Executive Staff for the greatest piece of press-work ever handled, endeavouring to make the public believe that Marlene Dietrich is as great and even greater than Greta Garbo. My first complaint is the fact of which scenario writers and Directors lose sight. They do NOT realise that a film goes to every corner of the globe, and the Orient is not left out. We know too much of life here in these Eastern cities to accept such trashy stories as gospel truth.

On a second viewing I was not too much impressed when the heroine threw off her high-heeled shoes, then her stockings and, finally, tramped off with the native women, without even a change of handkerchiefs, let alone a most necessary article of wearing apparel in the Sahara Desert—a hat.

Now we come to an important question. Does Marlene Dietrich really act—or are we looking upon Svengali and Trilby re-enacted under the names of Marlene Dietrich and Josef von Sternberg? I have heard from more than one source that this Director gives out all her interviews, that he instructs her in every detail of every scene. Over and over again she repeats a line till he is satisfied, while he stands by and puts his hand on her and encourages. One looker-on told me that when he saw the rehearsal of her new play—"Dishonoured," he thought he was looking on "Trilby."

To return to the criticism of "Morocco." In that scene where the manager tells the rich lover that his star has been drinking for three weeks, no one in the audience would have been led to believe that she had had anything stronger than a glass of ginger beer. All I saw of this actress was a slow movement, a great deal of pantomime which did not convey much, and few words (her part could not have covered more than a few pages). Once she came to life—when she ran down the line of marching soldiers searching for her. Legionnaire. Her speaking voice is sweet; her singing voice not attractive. She is more lovely than the Garbo, and no wonder they say her legs are the finest in Germany. Her figure is beautiful, but she does NOT possess that elusive something.



Dorothy Jordan.

Frances Ring, to play in "The College Widow." He amassed a fortune in the Movies and real estate in Florida, where his home is now situated.

The whole film world was saddened by the death of Louis Wolheim. He had to reduce for one of his pictures, and he overdid it, and when operated upon had not sufficient strength to fight against it.

Doris Kenyon will play Lady Hamilton opposite George Arliss, then in a play with Walter Huston, and later leave for Europe where she will continue to study voice culture. Her voice is said to be beautiful.

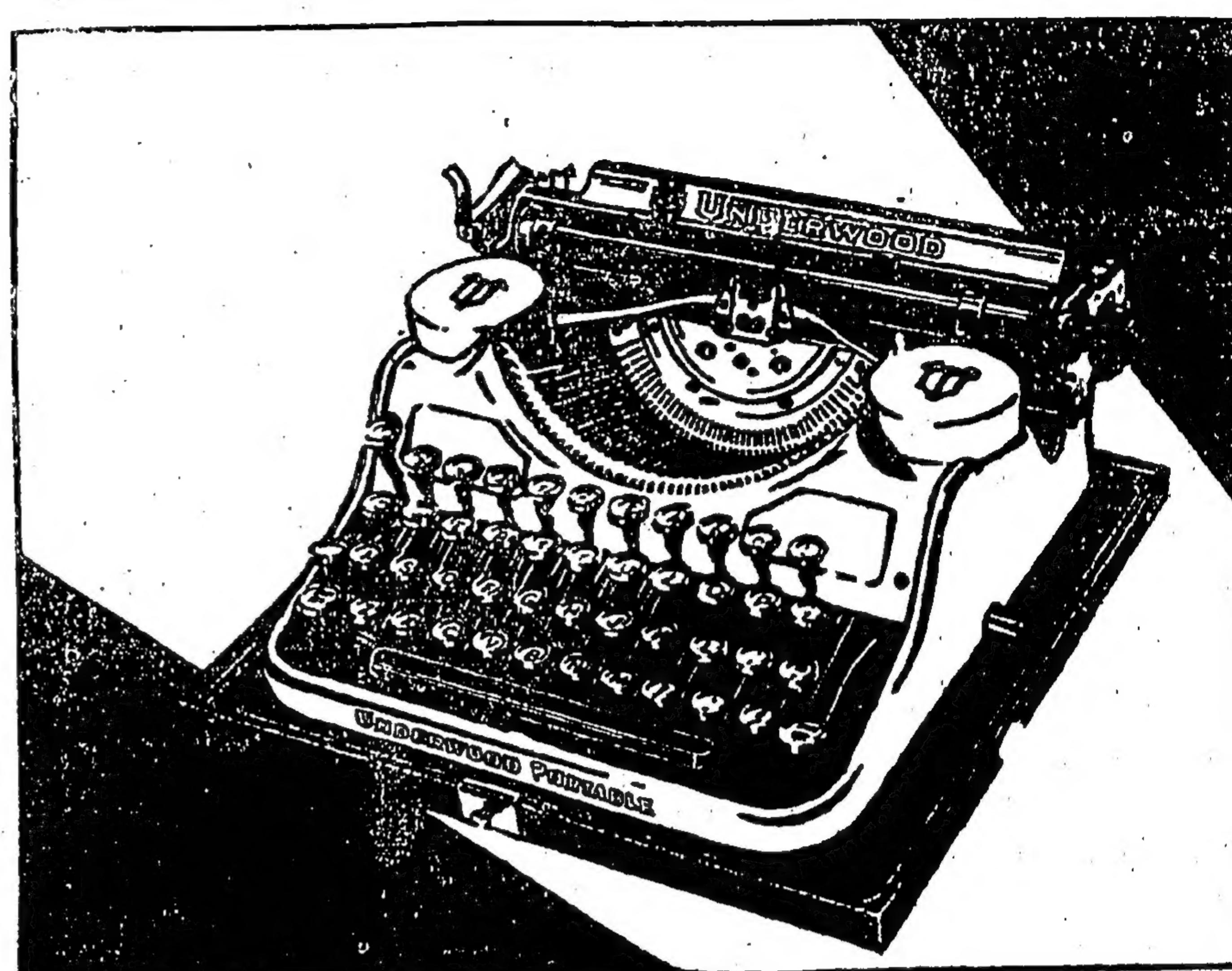
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Conrad Nagel.

kind things said of her excellent work in "Kiki." Reginald Denny receives his full share of praise. All who said Mary was "through" (Continued on Page 10.)

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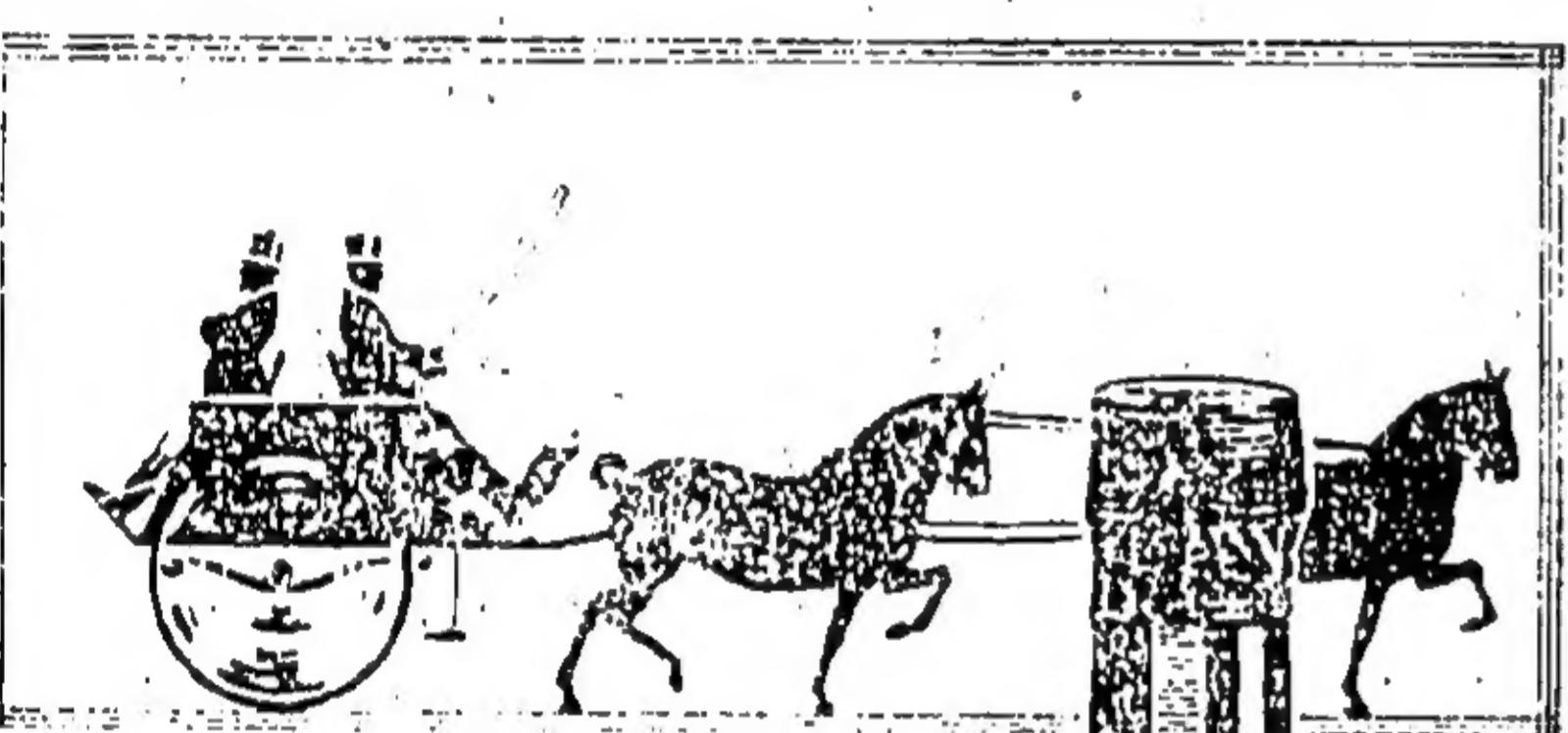
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### ADVERSARIA.

“Without fear, favour or malice.”

The other day a  
Our Superior young acquaintance, who's actions are  
Salesmen, bolder than judicious, entered the “establishment” of a certain draper, (“shop”) would be out of the question here) and calmly addressed one of the assistants as follows:—“I should be obliged if you would give me a list of prices of the various articles you have for sale here.”

The assistant brought him a bundle of brochures illustrating burbarys, shirts, socks, ties and evening dress equipment, and, as his facial expression seemed to require explanation, my friend added: “You see, I hate coming into your place and asking the price of things. An effort always seems to be made to make me feel that you are conferring a favour upon me. For that reason, although I realise that the goods you sell are better than anywhere else locally, I dislike coming here and am obliged to go to second-rate shops.”

The assistant, as was only to be expected, perhaps, looked at him in blank astonishment for an instant, and then replied, with an air of disapproving apology: “Oh, you have no need to feel that, sir, need at all. We are always glad to see you here.” That by no means satisfied the young man, particularly as supercilious grins were appearing on the faces of other assistants in the background, so he grabbed

the brochures and made a not altogether successful exit.

Now I admire that young man's pluck and frankness, and very much wish that I had the courage to do likewise, for there is more than a modicum of truth in what he said. Often have I, and probably hundreds of my fellow men, gazed longingly and lovingly at a claret-hued pair of silk pyjamas in the window of a fashionable draper's. It would have taken little in these moods of admiration to forget the rate of exchange and rush in recklessly and order half a dozen pairs. Even if you are single, there is a luxurious pleasure in donning claret-hued silk pyjamas, especially if you have a long mirror in your bedroom. So that many times have I been on the verge of purchasing these and other articles of masculine wear. But the thought of timidly asking the price, of saying in a strangled whisper, “only one pair, please,” or of ordering less than two dozen collars or pairs of socks, has always overwhelmed me.

In the past I have been there for ties and hats and shirts, but never did I enter or leave without feeling that something was wrong with my dress; that my cheeks were unshaven, my cuffs were frayed, or that I was not entirely the opulent person who was expected to patronise the “establishment.” Supercilious smirks deterred me from asking to see materials for shirtings, to “look round,” as I love to in any shop, and I felt that I had no right to be there at all.

Once this led to some inconvenience. The window display on one occasion contained an assortment of Club and School ties, one of which I was entitled to wear. In I walked, with the intention of making a purchase, but I received such an ironical leer that I forgot all about the ties, and murmured feebly, “Er, have you any green hats?” Of course, they had no green hats, as I expected, so I walked out, miserably conscious of my inability to impress.

It is very depressing if you want to buy a certain article, which no other shop sells, and are “put off” by a patronising manner for which there can be no possible justification. It is quite unaccountable. One may be well-received in good society, where one's virtues and personal distinctions are known and valued, yet on entering an “establishment” one is received as though he had overdrawn his account or

wore “dicky” shirts and ready-made ties.

At Home this could never happen, even in those Bond Street or Savile Row “gentlemen's parlours,” where you are “cut” sartorially, but not personally. Fashionable emporiums out East which seek to imitate the Gieves, Poole's, Scholte's, and Davies of London, would extend their business by leaps and bounds, I feel sure, if only they would import a few salesmen who know how to make one feel at home and do not underline in their manner the visible signs of one's poverty. The “democratic” atmosphere of the East, one feels, is bad for the social complexities of some of us, giving to men who cannot justify the change a distorted sense of values.

### News in Brief.

New regulations for hawkers are published in the Government Gazette.

A list of Justices of the Peace is published in the Government Gazette.

A boy, Cheung Kam, aged one year, was yesterday taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from scalds to his head and face. It is stated that the lad pulled a pot of hot soup off a table.

Injured through falling down a hole in the companion way of the s.s. Chen Kiang, which is lying at the Taikoo Dockyard undergoing repairs, Chan Ah-san (48) employed as a cook, died shortly afterwards.

It is notified that at the expiration of three months from date of the Tat Chee Steamship Company Limited will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Register of Companies, and be dissolved.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinance:—Ordinance No. 28 of 1930.—An Ordinance to impose Duties in respect of admissions to Entertainments.

Admitted to the Government Civil Hospital at 10.30 p.m. yesterday, a married woman, Li To Chuen-ho, aged 25 years, died at 11.20 p.m. from the effects of opium poisoning, which she is alleged to have taken at 7, Kam Wah Street.

Stated to have been unable to walk, a Russian man, whose name is at present not known, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital from the Kowloon Canton Railway Station yesterday. He had arrived by train from Canton, and had a letter written by a European doctor in which it was requested that he be taken to hospital.

Fearing political intimidation in Heung Shan, his native district, Siu Wah, (49), a retired military officer, attempted to commit suicide by jumping off the Mongkok ferry Man Lok yesterday. He was rescued by boat men in the vicinity and taken to hospital. A letter which he had left behind set forth the reasons he had for desiring to take his life.

### UNION CHURCH.

#### CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO KOWLOON.

#### AUSPICIOUS GATHERING.

There was a large attendance at an “At Home” held in the Kowloon Union Church Hall last night, when congratulatory messages were voiced on the completion and official opening of the New Union Church in Jordan Road on April 10. Vocal selections were rendered by the male voice choir of the South Wales Borderers, with the kind permission of Lt.-Col. R. F. Gross, D.S.O.

Mr. J. P. Warren presided over the gathering and among those present were the Minister (Rev. J. Horace Johnston, B.A.), the Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Dwyer, D.D.), the Rev. W. Walton Rogers (Vicar of St. Andrew's Church), the Rev. E. G. Powell (Minister of Union Church, Hong Kong), the Rev. Frank Short, the Rev. H. Gies, Pastor Cheung (H. Yat Church) and Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (President of the Kowloon Residents' Association).

Bishop's Wishes.

Addressing those present, his Lordship said:—

Mr. Johnston, Ladies and Gentlemen.—No one can know Kowloon without being impressed with the great developments that are taking place.

Looking back over ten years, Kowloon is, without question, a very different place to what it was then.

I used to regard going out to the Victoria Home as a run into the country, and I remember, on more than one occasion, a little vernacular school we had on the way there being robbed because it was so isolated.

We may not foretell the future, but if the present rate of development is maintained, Kowloon will again be a different place in ten years' time. I believe in Hong Kong.” Sir Paul Chater more than once said to me. He meant, of course, the whole Colony—he believed that the developments which are taking place would be maintained.

I have often thought of the splendid faith of the early pioneers out here—and as one living in what I suppose is probably the oldest house in the Colony, I am more reminded especially of the large vision and bold faith of Vincent Stanton, who was responsible both for the building of the Cathedral and St. Paul's Cathedral. These pioneers planned largely and they planned well.

I am sure that so long as he lives it will bring joy to the heart of Mr. Johnston that during his ministry out here he has seen the erection of this Church, and that all you who have been his co-workers will share with him in that joy.

I often wondered as I used to see Sir Paul Chater in St. Andrew's Church whether there did not come to him at times a sense of great joy at having given to the congregation their spiritual home. And now, again, his munificence has made possible the building of the Union Church, Kowloon, to be for you a spiritual home, a place around which will centre some of the most sacred experiences of life. I offer you, from my heart, congratulations and wish you God-speed in all the work that shall be done here.

I cannot conclude without adding a personal word. Both as fellow-minister and a brother-Mason I have known Mr. Johnston well during the seven years he has been in Hong Kong. I want to say to Mr. Johnston that I have been grateful to him for his friendship and help during the time he has been among us and I wish him and his God's richest blessing for the days to come.

Other Greetings.

Pastor Cheung delivered a speech in Chinese, which the Rev. F. Short, translated.

Mr. C. C. Hickling eulogised the labours of Rev. Mr. Johnston during his seven years of Ministry in Kowloon.

Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, speaking on behalf of the Kowloon Residents' Association, gave a comprehensive review of the vast development of Kowloon during the past few years.

The Rev. W. Walton Rogers, the Rev. E. G. Powell, and the Rev. H. Gies were among others to express congratulations.

## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7-11.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

7-30 p.m.—Operatic.  
Orchestral—Traviata—Prelude to Act 1 (Verdi), Traviata—Prelude to Act 3 (Verdi), Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra (1924).

Song—Lucrèce Borgia—Drinking Song—It's Better to Laugh (Donizetti), Sigríð Óneigir, Contralto (1927).

Pianoforte Solo—Variations on Themes from Carmen (Bizet-Horowitz), Etude in F Major (Mendelssohn), Etude in A Minor (Mendelssohn), Sergei Rachmaninoff (1926).

Fox Trot—Montana Call, The Moon is Low ..... (2232), Cheer Up, Swingin' in a Hammock ..... (22453), Get Happy, My Future Just Passed ..... (22444), Waltz—Blue Hawaii, Sparkling Waters of Waikiki, (21985).

Fox Trot—Nina Rosa, My First Love, My Last Love, (22275), The Verdict is Life, Reminiscing ..... (22412), Betty,

Waltz—Where is the Song of Songs, If I Mo ..... (21832), Fox Trot—My Baby Just Cares for Me, A Girl Friend of a Boy Friend of Mine ..... (22409), Mr. & Mrs. Sippie, Dixiana ..... (22472).

Waltz—My Heart Belongs to the Girl Who Belongs to Someone Else, Fox Trot—The Song Without a Name, (22405).

Making Whoopee, Until You Get Somebody Else, (21816), 1. Violet; 2. Friends, Betty Co-Ed ..... (22473).

A Night of Happiness, Sitting by the Window ..... (22217), Waltz—On a Little Street in Honolulu, All Through the Night ..... (22504).

Fox Trot—That Wonderful Something, Chant of the Jungle ..... (22203), I'm Just a Vagabond Lover, I'm Still Caring ..... (21987), Hang on the Garden Gate,

Waltz—Song of the Islands ..... (22201), God Save The King, 11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

## A “FIRST-CLASS TOMBSTONE.”

### Extraordinary Will of a Tailor.

The remarkable will of Mr. William Eyre, a blind journeyman tailor, of Fulham Road, Fulham, who died in December 1928, came before Mr. Justice Batson in the Probate Division.

The Public Trustee sought to prove the will and codicil, and the will was opposed by the relatives on the ground that Mr. Eyre was of unsound mind at the time when the will and codicil were made.

Mr. C. Mortimer, for the Public Trustee, said that Mr. Eyre had thirteen children, of whom some had died. Mr. Eyre's estate was about £3,400.

The will directed that Mr. Eyre be buried in a private grave for himself and his two daughters, Lilian and Daisy, if unmarried at the time they died.

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## CHRISTIAN CHINA.

NATIONAL COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

## HUMOROUS SPEECHES.

The eighth annual meeting of the National Christian Council of China commenced on Friday evening, April 10, 1931, in the spacious quarters of the hospital of the Church Missionary Society, Hangchow. The first meeting was opened 8.30 p.m. by the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Dr. Yü-fang, the President of Ginglingmen's College, Nanking. Dr. E. Lo, also a Vice-Chairman, in a short speech of welcome, bemoaned the fact that the meeting was taken up in the middle of a reception given to the National Christian Council by the past of the local church under the leadership of Rev. L. Nyi, retired Anglican clergyman, after a number of numerous humorous speeches, the choir, the hospital sang; they were joined by a chorus from the Uni Girls' School.

The stars on Saturday were conductor Dr. K. Y. Lo, Bishop Lindel T. the Chairman, not having arrived. About a hundred twelve had been invited to the meeting, of whom most were sent. The great majority of this group left Shanghai on Friday morning in a specially chartered third-class car. Of these delegates, seventy represented 22 organisations, which have ratified the Constitution of the National Christian Council; four represented three groups who, although they have not ratified the Constitution, have appointed representatives to the meeting; eleven represented five groups who were invited to send representatives to the meeting; twelve were co-opts members. There were also fifty visitors, including Dr. Paul Douglass, Director of the Laymen's Inquiry; Dr. J. L. Corley, representing the World Sunday School Association, and Dr. K. L. Butterfield, now in China on behalf of the International Missionary Council to study rural problems. Rev. Akira Ebizawa is expected to



Plumber (to applicant for work): "G: any references?"  
Applicant: "Left 'em at 'ome. I'll go and get 'em."  
Plumber: "All right — you'll do." — *Passing Show, London.*

attend as a fraternal delegate from the National Christian Council in Japan. It is interesting to note that about 70 per cent. of those attending this National Christian Council meeting are Chinese. The average age of the Chinese delegates is something over 40 years, while the average number of years spent by the missionary delegates in China is 23 years. The largest group of representatives comes from the Church of Christ in China.

## Aggressive Spirit.

The first report presented to the Conference was that of the Executive Committee. Dr. C. Y. Chez, the General Secretary of the National Christian Council, who presented this report, said that, contrast to the situation of two years ago, the Christian Church in a whole shows signs of an aggressive spirit. He outlined the criticisms made of Christianity, including some of the recent prophecies about its probable disappearance from China. He felt, however, that the determined effort of the Church to promote Christian nurture and its developing social conscience, showing itself in many practical projects, are proofs that Christianity is going forward and not backward. Other speakers took the same position. He referred to the encouraging Christian campaign against illiteracy, rural reconstruction, and home betterment, as signs of the reorganization of the Christian forces. He remarked also the growing interest among Chinese youth work with the Church and a strong effort on the part of the Church to give such youth a proper place in its councils and programmes.

## Untouched Problems.

Dr. Cheng outlined also certain aspects of untouched problems which he put in the form of questions. "What is the Christian Message to China?" "How southern California.

can young men be induced to join the Christian ministry?" "How may Christians develop an adequate literature?" "What is Religious liberty?" "What is self-support?" How may we promote the Church-centric ideal?"

Five speakers then dealt with the five Year Movement. All of them indicated that progress is being made in all the lines of this movement, particularly in concentrating the attention of the forces of the Church on its six objectives. The Church is reorganizing itself around this programme. Mr. J. W. Hubbard referred to the progress made in the Christian campaign against illiteracy, which shows that this campaign is a vital factor in reviving the Church. He gave several instances of churches which had been practically resurrected as a result of their literacy campaign. During six years this campaign has been carried on in the Churches connected with the American Board and around Peking. In that time 30,000 students had been taught, and the membership of the churches increased seventy per cent.

The afternoon was given to statements by Rev. J. L. Corley, directing a delegation of the National Christian Council, now studying the problems of Religious Education in China, and Dr. Kenyon Butterfield, who came to China especially to promote rural reconstruction. Dr. Corley showed that the Christian forces in China are very poorly co-ordinated as regards the problem of Religious Education. Among other things received from the West is the unsatisfactory idea that education and evangelism are in some sense distinct. He urged the recognition of the fact that Religious Education has to do with the training of the whole man in his relationships with God and his fellowmen. He said that the delegation in which he has been working hopes to set up a representative agency which may serve as a clearing-house and a co-ordinating group for a large portion of the Christian forces in China.

## Religious Education.

He urged that Religious Education is the fundamental purpose of the Church, and cannot be accomplished by an hour's attention on Sunday under teachers in the main inefficient. He urged that we must "destroy the material-institution-board-pulpit-minded attitude, and create in its place a life-centred attitude that measures the usefulness of all Church activities in the light of the actual help they are to living, growing folks."

Dr. Butterfield's speech was an earnest plea for the Christian forces to attempt to set up a Christian rural civilization. He admitted the tremendous difficulties confronting such an attempt. What he called "aggravated urbanism" or an attitude of indifference to the exploitation of the rural folk and atheistic communism were noted as the two chief opposing forces in the building of Christian rural civilization.

## Rural Parishes.

He urged that Christians in China should try to play their part in setting up a Christian rural civilization, by organising rural community parishes! These he defined as villages within walking distance of each other, or within a radius of three to five miles with a population that might vary from 10,000 to 15,000 people. He stressed the fact that none of the problems of such a community could be solved apart from each other. He suggested also that there should be a worship-centre to such a community. He made it quite clear that in addition to the building up of the personal religious experience and promoting the redemption of individuals, both of which are essential to a complete community life, the Christians must also tackle the problems of setting up a Christian social order.

## Community Salvation.

He urged also that community salvation comes neither by issues nor fate, but of the service and love shown by Christians. It is quite evident that the Christian Church is trying to adapt itself to its new situation. It is facing its situation in China as never before, and slowly evolving an adequate programme. The Christian mind is becoming clarified both as to the dangers that threaten Christianity, and as to the demands of modern China upon its forces.

The mere scale of the production produced the necessity for getting such items as forty-five pairs of black and white cowboy leggings exactly alike, 220 Stetson hats of the same make and patterns, costing fifty dollars apiece and 250 Colt's revolvers, an order which caused the Colt Arms company to wonder who was starting a revolution in southern California.

## ROUND THE CINEMAS

SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S PLAY ON THE SCREEN.

## STRICTLY UNCONVENTIONAL.

"Strictly Unconventional," an all-talking screen version of W. Somerset Maugham's play, "The Circle," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, proved itself to be even more entertaining as a cinema product than when it served as the co-starring vehicle for the late John Drew and Mrs. Leslie Carter.

No small share of this somewhat astonishing feat is due to the immensely interesting performances of a clever cast which includes the ever-to-be-relied-on Lewis Stone as Clive Champion-Cheyne; Alison Skipworth as Lady Kitty; Ernest Torrence as the swallow-tailed and monocled Lord Porteous (a riot of a role); Catherine Dale Owen as Elizabeth; Tyrrell Davis as her husband; Arnold Champion-Cheyne, who ignores his wife's charm for the attractions of antique furniture; Paul Cavanagh, who attempts to make up for this error; and Mary Forbes as Mrs. Shenstone, whose efforts to patch up the breach between Arnold and Elizabeth only serve to make the situation more complicated.

When it is recalled that Lady Kitty had run away with Lord Porteous thirty years before and returns to visit her husband, Clive, in time to be used as "the awful example," it can be seen how riotously funny a satire this picture really is.

## THE LAUGHING LADY.

Besides being a well-known director of Paramount New Show World productions, Victor Schertzinger is a composer of music.

In "The Laughing Lady" starring Ruth Chatterton, which Schertzinger directed, two of his songs, "Delphine" and "One Kiss," will be heard as incidental music in the picture.

Schertzinger's favourite instrument is the violin but he is equally at home at a piano. Between scenes at the Paramount Long Island studio, where this all-talking picture was filmed, he frequently seated himself at the piano and aided in arranging orchestrations for the musicians.

Among Schertzinger's better known compositions are "Marcheta," "Just an Old Love Song" and many picture hit songs, including the musical score for Maurice Chevalier's latest picture, "The Love Parade," which Ernst Lubitsch directed at Paramount's West Coast studio.

Supporting "The Laughing Lady" are many well-known stage and screen actors including Clive Brook, Dorothy Hall, Betty Bartley, Nat Pendleton, Hubert Druse, Lillian B. Tonge, Raymond Walburn, Marguerite St. John, Nedda Harrigan, Dan Healy, Joe King, and Alice Hegeman. The picture is now showing at the Central Theatre for the last time to-day.

## THE DEVIL'S HOLIDAY.

New roles for old! Nancy Carroll, petite and charming Irish colleen who captivated old and young with her comedienne parts in "Sweetie" and "Honey," will be seen and heard in an entirely new type of screen portrayal when she comes to the Central Theatre to-morrow in "The Devil's Holiday."

In this picture of modern life in America's wheat-belt, Miss Carroll is a gold-digging mannequin who works hand-in-hand with plotting salaried men of farm implements in putting over their deals with unsuspecting farmer prospectors.

Much of the action takes place in a big hotel, the rendezvous for wealthy farmers and tricky city folks.

Miss Carroll tries her bunco game on Phillips Holmes, son of the wheat-king of that region, and later regrets her shameful trickery when she discovers that he loves her.

The play is charged with dramatic dynamics and stirring emotional scenes. Miss Carroll, as the central starring figure, has to carry much of the highly explosive burden of acting. How she does it stamps her as an eminent genius in this type of role.

Those who have been wanting to see Miss Carroll in a dashing emotional part will surely be pleased.

## "WHOOPEE."

It is no cinch to costume a production the size and lavishness of "Whoopee," the Samuel Goldwyn-Florenz Ziegfeld musical sensation, starring Eddie Cantor, which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday. Many of the costumes designed by John Hawkridge, in charge of the "Whoopee," cost well toward a thousand dollars and had to be manufactured as carefully as a wedding dress.

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## SHADOWS BEFORE

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

To-day—Tea Dances, Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels; Dinner Dances, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Animal Crackers." To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Strictly Unconventional." To-day—Central Theatre; "Laughing Lady." To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Great Gabbo." To-day—World Theatre; "Last Performance" and "Hold Your Main."

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

Tuesday—At Sales Room, blackwood and household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

April 23, 24 and 25—At Station Hotel, Kowloon, household furniture, 11.30 a.m.

## MEETINGS.

April 27—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

## SPORTS.

See Sports Diary on Page 13.

## BRITISH UNIVERSITIES "OVERCROWDED."

## SIR M. SADLER AROUSES CONTROVERSY.

## DIVIDED OPINIONS.

Controversy has been aroused in educational circles by the suggestion of Sir Michael Sadler that some of the British Universities are becoming overcrowded.

An excessive number of students, said Sir Michael, were an impediment to effective intellectual work. Some of the raw material delivered to the Universities was insufficiently trained for the sort of work which the University student ought to undertake.

"You can drown a country," he said, "with too strong a dose of B.A.'s."

Inquiries revealed disagreement among educational authorities, but employers of University graduates were agreed that the past standard had been mainly satisfactory from their point of view, and that it would be unfortunate if the standard of general education implied by a University degree were to be appreciably lowered. Following are some of the views expressed to a representative of the Morning Post:

Dr. Cyril Norwood (Headmaster of Harrow School): I am quite in agreement with Sir Michael Sadler. The universities are only useful to people who are fitted for them.

Sir John Gilbert (Chairman of the L.C.C. Education Committee): My impression in the case of London is that the development of advanced courses in the secondary schools has tended to send not only a larger number of students to the university, but students who are better qualified educationally.

The London University Appointments Board: No doubt an uncontrolled increase in the number of University students would make it impossible to find satisfactory employment for all of them, but there is no sign at present that that position has been reached.

Our experience is that there is an increasing appreciation of their services both among business employers and in almost every branch of national life.

Oxford and Cambridge. A prominent Cambridge University official said that the University was full, but it was not too full, and the various College authorities had definitely set their faces against accepting more students than the staff could deal with.

There was a time just after the war when the charge of overcrowding might well have been levelled at Cambridge, but that had now passed away.

While the slightly higher standard that is demanded in the entrance examination at Oxford, as compared with other Universities, helps to diminish the number of candidates for admission, the problem of increased numbers has been keen and still is a pressing one, it was stated.

Many colleges have been obliged to extend their premises within the last few years, but the teaching staff of the University has been increased in equal proportion.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## DANCE.

A BENEFIT DANCE, arranged by the Warrant Officers and Other Ranks of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, will be held in the Garrison Lecture Hall, Wellington Barracks, on SATURDAY, April 25, 1931, commencing at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

ADMISSION:—Gentlemen \$2. Ladies by courtesy.

Tickets may be obtained at the various Clubs and Messes, from the Secretary, Dance Committee, Ordnance Office, Queen's Road East, or upon entering the Hall.

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## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Documentary, 4 months' sight ..... 1/— 13/16

## ON PARIS—

On demand ..... 612 1/4

Credits, 4 months' sight ..... 652 1/4

## ON NEW YORK—

On demand ..... 24

Credits, 60 days' sight ..... 25 1/4

## ON BOMBAY—

Wire ..... 66 1/2

On demand ..... 66 1/2

## ON CALCUTTA—

Wire ..... 66 1/2

On demand ..... 66 1/2

## ON SINGAPORE—

On demand ..... 42 1/4

On Manila—

On demand ..... 48 1/4

## ON SHANGHAI—

On demand ..... 11 7/16

Dollar ..... 4 1/2 dia.

## ON TAIPEH—

On demand ..... 48 1/2

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ..... 1/— 1/2

Silver (per oz.) ..... 13 5/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong ..... Nominal

Copper Cash ..... Nominal

Copper Cents ..... 3 1/2 prem.

Rate of Native Interest ..... 3 1/2 % p.m.

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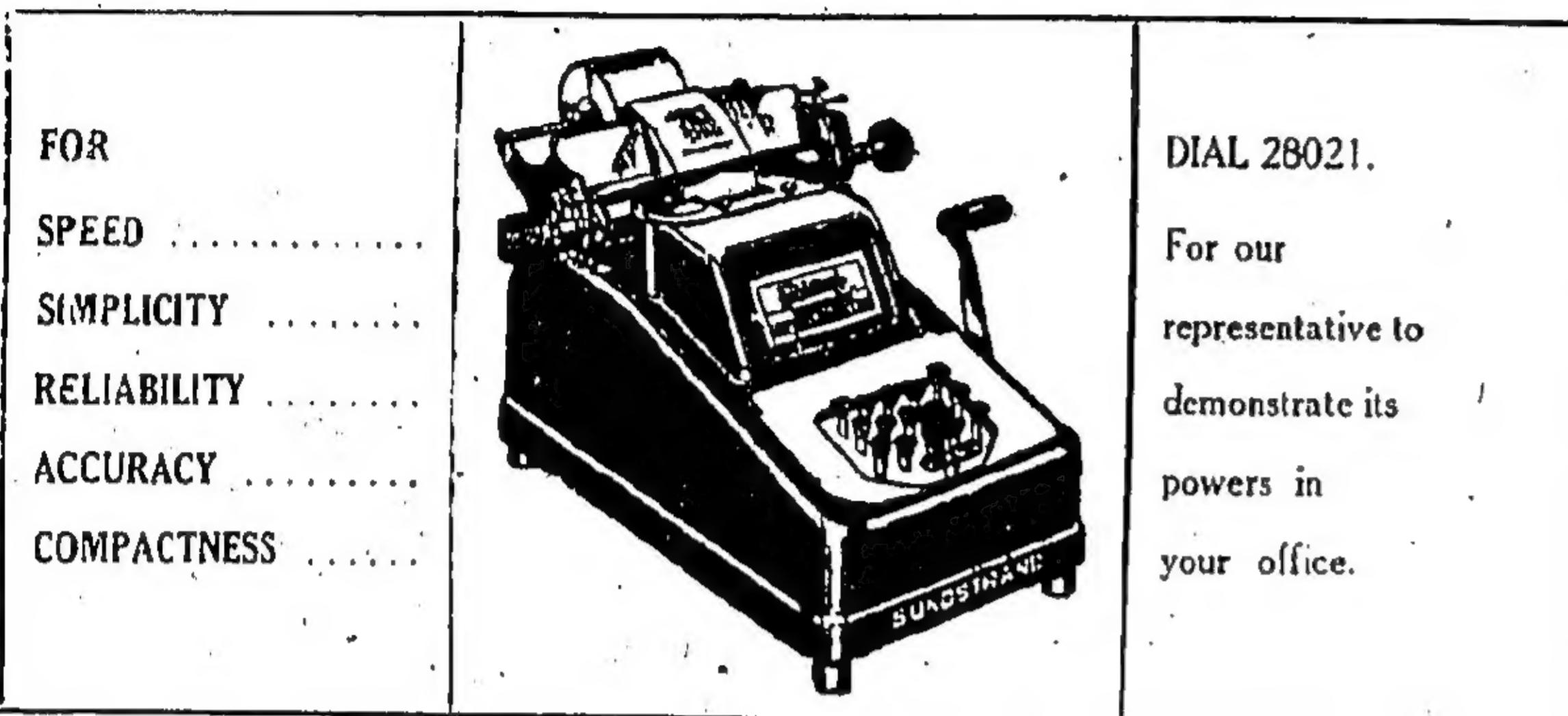
## RUGBY, YESTERDAY.

Paris ..... 124 25/4

New York ..... 485 27/32

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### VOLUNTEER CORPS

#### ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

##### RIFLE MEETING.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., state:—

##### PARADES.

##### Corps Band.

The Band will parade at the Music Room, City Hall, on Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. sharp, for Band practice.

There will be a meeting of the Band Rifle Club at the Miniature Range on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

##### Engineer Company.

Miniature Range Shoot at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Monday.

The Company will furnish a team to compete in the Hong Kong Rifle League at an early date to be notified later.

##### Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—There will be a meeting of N.C.O.'s only at Headquarters on Monday at 5.30 p.m.

There will be no parades until further notice.

Motor Cycle Section.—Parade at 5.30 p.m. for Instructional Drive or if wet for practice in Map Reading and Message Writing.

##### Machine Gun Company.

N.C.O.'s and Recruits classes will be held every Tuesday at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. in uniform with belts and side-arms under C.S.M. Slattery until further orders.

The Miniature Range will be at the disposal of the M.G. Company all Tuesday nights for musketry instruction. O.C. M.G. Company will advise later the dates required for Kennedy Road Range.

The Company Rifle Club will hold the next meeting on Sunday, May 3 at 9.30 a.m. on the Peak Range. The Company Commander's Cup and Individual Spoon Shoots will be held but there will be no competition for the Inter-Section Cup. The Peak Range is at the disposal of O.C. M.G. Company on the first Sunday of every month as hitherto until further notice.

M.G. Part II. will be fired on Sunday by all of the M.G. Company who have not yet fired. Range Officer: Lieut. H. Owen-Hughes. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m.

##### Scottish Company.

Individual Machine Gun, Instruction at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters under Captain H. R. Forsyth.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.R.E. M.G. Part II. Casuals will fire with M.G. Company.

##### Portuguese Company.

No. 12A Platoon will parade at Headquarters on Friday at 5.30 p.m. sharp for passing out tests from Recruits stage.

Dress:—Optional, but belts, rifles and bayonets must be brought.

The Officers Commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their orders separately to their commands:—

I.—Battery.  
II.—Corps Signals.  
III.—Machine Gun Troop.

##### Rifles and Bayonets.

All rifles and bayonets must be returned at once to Corps Stores in a clean condition. Any defects must be reported when handing in.

##### Command.

Lieutenant J. F. Wright will assume command of the Armoured Car Company, Car Section, vice Captain A. M. Thornhill (sick) with effect from April 6.

##### Musketry and M.G. Casuals.

All Officers Commanding Units are informed that Stonecutters Range has been asked for on April 26 for use by the Corps to complete Casuals in Rifle and Machine Gun.

O.S.C. Units will forthwith notify the Adjutant of the number in each category who have yet to

fire to complete their course for 1930-31, to facilitate arrangements.

##### Returns.

Officers Commanding Units will please render to Headquarters by noon on the last Friday in each month a return showing:—

(a) The names of those in their Unit who are on leave on that date.

(b) Any change of address which has taken place during the month. O.S.C. Units are particularly asked to render this return by the hour stated, as so to ensure the accuracy of Office returns.

Individual members are reminded of their responsibility in notifying any changes of address.

##### Transfers.

No. 1121 Sergt. G. E. L. Johnson, No. 3 Platoon, is transferred to Engineer Company and reverts to the ranks with effect from today's date.

##### Struck Off The Strength.

Having completed 3 years' service:—No. 1218 Pte. M. V. F. Neves, No. 9 Platoon, as from March 28.

Permitted to resign:—No. 1530 Spr. N. J. Babbington, Engineer Company, as from March 26.

##### Strength.

The following have been taken on Corps Strength:—

No. 1687 Pte. A. Jackson, No. 3 Platoon.

No. 1688 Pte. J. L. Tetley, No. 3 Platoon.

No. 1689 Spr. W. E. Allan, Engineer Company.

No. 1690 Piper C. F. Andrews, No. 6 Platoon.

##### Leave.

Captain K. S. Morrison, Reserve of Officers, granted 11½ months' leave from April 15, 1931, to March 31, 1932.

No. 309 C.Q.M.S. G. H. Cuthill, No. 6 Platoon, granted 9 months' leave from March 29 to December 28.

No. 1346 Pte. O. E. C. Marton, No. 1 Platoon, granted 8 months' leave from March 28 to November 28.

##### W. H. G. GOATER, Captain.

##### Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

##### NOTICE.

(1) A copy of Rules, Hong Kong Area Sports Board, Billiards 1931-32 has been posted on Corps Notice Board.

(2) There will be a meeting of the Sergeants' Mess Committee at Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

### TALKIE TALKS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

had better sit back and be prepared to cheer this wonderful little lady.

Can you imagine "East Lynne" being a riot? Well it is, with Anne Harding, Clive Brook, and Conrad Nagel.—The melodrama our grandmothers loved has come to life as a rarely beautiful and artistic production perfectly acted by the whole cast.

The first picture without men has been produced. Look at this list of women—Evelyn Brent, Lilyan Tashman, Marceline Day, Louise Fazenda, Fritz Ridgway, Irene Rich, and June Clyde. Director William Beaudine took on the stiff job, he succeeded in keeping peace and in turning out a trump of a war picture.

Charles Farrell at last married to Virginia Valli. There is not a fan who does not know he loved Janet Gaynor, but Virginia has been his "pal" for years, his best

critic, and she came between these two in their romance. All Hollywood knew Janet married Lydell Peck out of pique, when she was at the time, engaged to Farrell. Well, to cut a long story short; Virginia and Charles are now on their honeymoon in Europe.

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### POST OFFICE NOTICE.

#### INWARD MAIIS

##### SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

Amoy ..... Talma  
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 20) ..... President Adams

Sunday, April 19. Tjisalak.

Monday, April 20. Tai Yuan.

Shanghai and Amoy ..... Tai Yuan  
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 24) ..... Taiyo Maru

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 27) ..... President Gra

Wednesday, April 22. Straits ..... Srihanna

Amoy and Swatow ..... Van Heutz  
Java and Manila ..... Tjisaroea

Thursday, April 23. Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, Mar. 26 and Parcels, Mar. 19) ..... Comorin

Friday, April 24. U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, April 4) ..... President Lincoln

Japan ..... Kamo Maru

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, April 2) ..... Chichibularu

#### OUTWARD MAIIS

##### SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

Fort Bayard ..... Wing Lee ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C. ....

President Jefferson (Due Victoria, May 5 and Europe via Siberia)

Parcels ..... pr. 18, 3 p.m.

Registration ..... 4.15 p.m.

Letters ..... 5 p.m.

Empress of India ..... 3.30 p.m.

Proteus ..... 4 p.m.

Manila ..... Pilana ..... 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden and Egypt ..... SUNDAY, APRIL 19.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ..... Hozan Maru ..... 9 a.m.

Bangkok via Swatow ..... Kulgan ..... 9 a.m.

Manila ..... President Arms ..... 5 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 20.

Straits ..... Teiresias ..... 2.30 p.m.

\*Swatow & Amoy ..... Antung ..... 2.30 p.m.

Swatow ..... Hydrange ..... 3 p.m.

Helian Yu ..... Due Vancouver, B.C., May 11 and Europe via Siberia)

Registration ..... Apr. 20, 5 p.m.

Letters ..... Apr. 21, Noon.

Lianchow ..... 10 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta ..... Yue Sang ..... Apr. 21, Noon.

Parcels ..... 1 p.m.

Letters ..... Hs Ning ..... 2 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Achises ..... 2.30 p.m.



## BOYS OF LONG AGO.

ALGERNON.

Algernoon stood among the crowd in Whitehall, watching the ladies and gentlemen going to the King's Masque. He was usually employed in carrying flaring torches along the narrow streets to light the way for those who walked abroad in the darkness, but, having heard strange stories concerning the King's Masques, he had neglected his duties that evening.



"Algernoon stood ..... watching the ladies and gentlemen going to the King's Masque."

He did not like the new King. He had loved the old Queen Elizabeth better than anyone he had ever seen or heard of, but he had little respect for James of Scotland. She would have come out and waved her long jewelled hand to them; cracked a joke with the fat merchants; and walked freely with only a few splendid courtiers around her. But James 1st did none of these things.

"Bah!" said Algernoon. "He blackens his face and plays the Ethiopian before the Court, instead of paying actors to do it for him."

"The Queen herself be acting," said another voice. "Tis bad enough for a man to strut about

## LAUGHING.

The leader of this game should be a fellow with a particularly hearty and infectious laugh. He sits in the middle of a ring of all those taking part, and, when all are ready, tosses up a handkerchief.

Instantly, he, with all the others, bursts into a loud laugh, and everyone continues to laugh as long as the handkerchief is in

the air. But the moment it reaches the floor every laugh must cease. Any player who then shows even the faintest sign of a snigger is expelled from the circle.

The one who is left in last wins the game. This is excellent fun, for it is much easier to begin laughing than to stop as you very well know.

Wendy's Dressmaker.



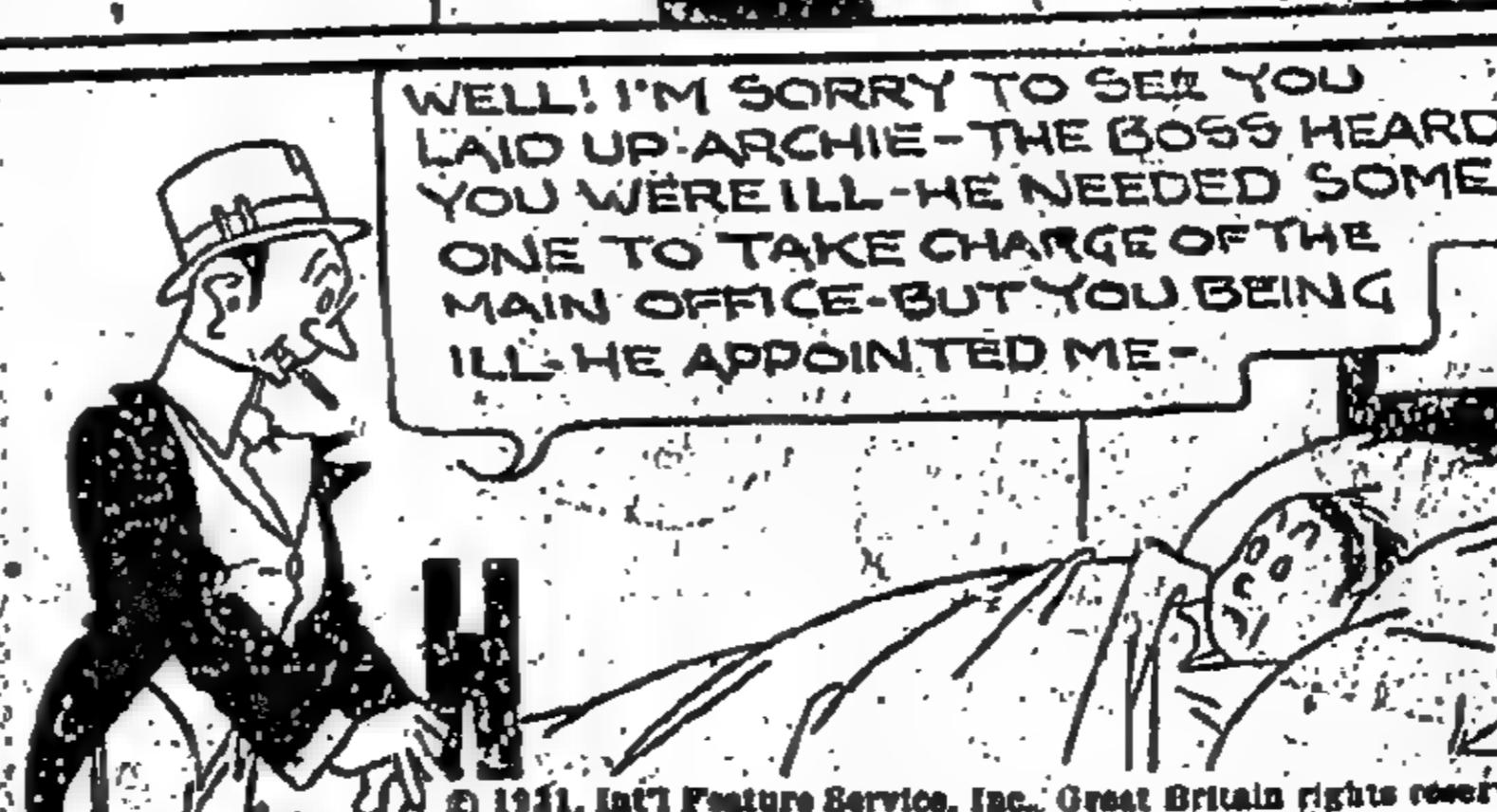
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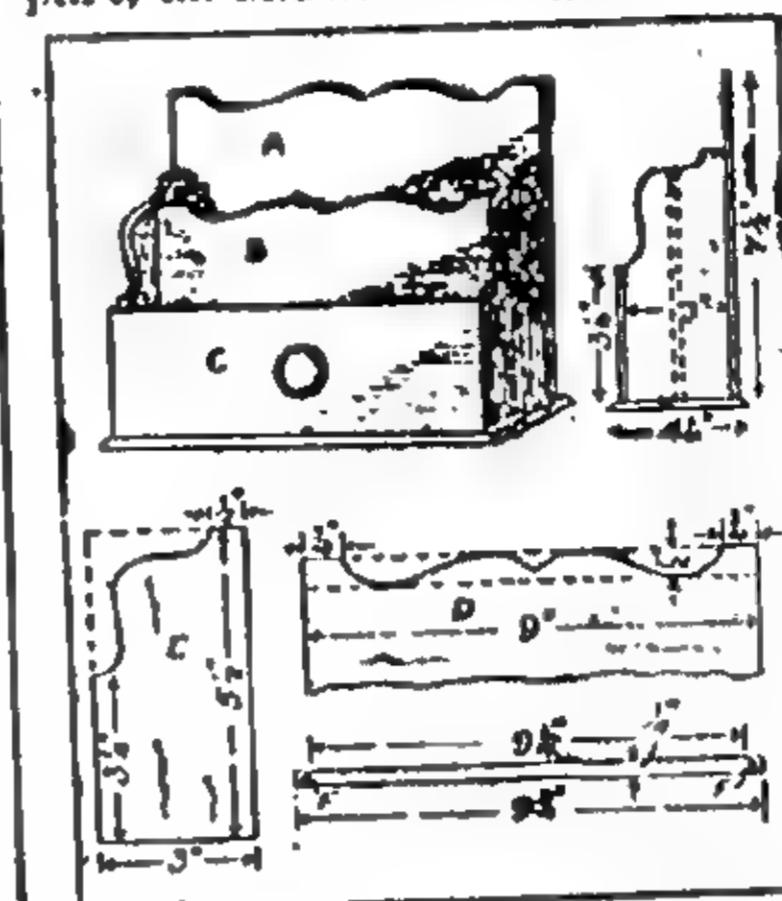
## THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

## Making A Stationery Case.

This useful rack for notepaper and envelopes can be made with ordinary deal a quarter of an inch thick.

For the back part A, saw a piece of wood nine inches long and seven and a half inches wide, and plane the edges square. Make the centre division B eight and a half inches long and five and a half inches wide; plane this on both sides, and plane the edges square. The front part C is nine inches long and three and a quarter inches wide.

After marking out the shape of the curved top on the back part, as shown in diagram D, cut



You can make a useful stationery rack like this if you read Carpenter's instructions and study the diagrams.

this out with a fret-saw. Cut the top of part B to the same pattern and, after removing any roughness with a chisel, rub the three parts all over with fine glasspaper. The two sides are cut to the dimensions given at E, the top front corners being cut with a fretsaw to the shape shown.

The base is nine and three-quarter inches long and four and a quarter inches wide. Plane this on both sides and then, with a small plane, carefully bevel the top edge all round to an angle of forty-five degrees, as shown at F. Smooth all over with fine glasspaper.

In assembling the parts, fix the back and front to the side pieces with glue and fine wire nails. Next fix the base in position with five-eighth-inch brass screws driven in from underneath. Countersink the holes in the base for the screws. Before pressing the centre division in place, smear a thin layer of glue along the bottom edge, and then fix it to the side pieces by fine wire brads. About four in each side will be sufficient.

Give the case a final rub over with fine glasspaper, glue a flat circular wooden ornament in the centre of the front as shown in the first diagram, and give the whole a coating of cellulose paint or enamel.

The Hut Carpenter.

He walks, leaving behind him a line of perfect thread.

He is a very fast worker, for he spins a yard of thread every second. He carries a bundle of grassy fibre, like coarse hair, swathed round and round his body until he looks like a walking cocoon. The thread is hitched to a rough wheel and the "Spider" walks slowly away from it.

As the spinner walks, his fingers play about the cocoon like those of a violinist on the strings of his instrument, and there comes this thin line of fine twine which is ultimately made into string.

It is impossible for these spinners of Majorca to teach their craft to outsiders, just as it would be for a spider to teach a bluebottle how to make a web for himself. For they and their ancestors have been spinning in the open air for more than six hundred years, and hardly know themselves how they manage to spin so miraculously.

## TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

"Falter" was the word hidden in last week's puzzle. F altered! See? And, if you solved the puzzle correctly you found that F was the first letter of 'I down; A the first of 8 down; L the third of 11 across; T the third of 9 down; E the first of 15 down; R the first of 20 down; E the last of 5 down; and D the last of 17 down. Answer: — Faltered. Full solution of puzzle:—

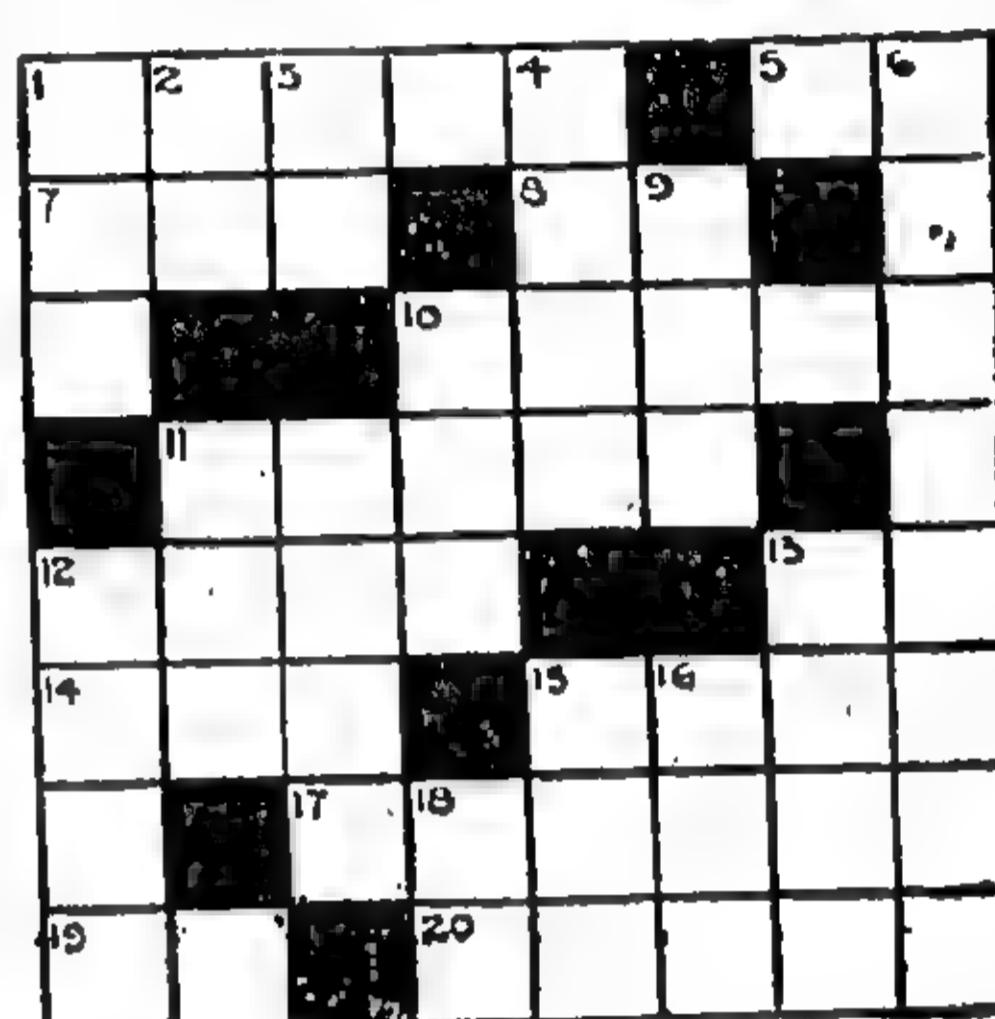
Across.

3. An agreement ..... (Pact).  
7. Part of a railway track ..... (Rail).  
10. As well ..... (Too).  
11. Lubricated ..... (Oiled).  
12. Not down ..... (Up).  
13. Conjunction ..... (Or).  
14. Mischievous kind of fairy ..... (Imp).  
16. Exclamation ..... (Ah).  
18. About ..... (Re).  
19. Not small ..... (Large).  
21. Hotel ..... (Inn).  
23. Cotton spool ..... (Reel).  
24. Cease ..... (Stop).

Down.

1. To and ..... (And).  
2. Nothing ..... (Nil).  
4. Preposition ..... (At).  
5. Bravery ..... (Courage).  
6. Spinning toy ..... (Top).  
8. Illness ..... (Ailment).  
9. Allow ..... (Let).  
14. Flower ..... (Iris).  
15. Organ of hearing ..... (Ear).  
17. Contained ..... (Held).  
20. A colour ..... (Red).  
22. Negative ..... (No).

This week the word is hidden in the usual way, and the arrangement of the letters at the side of the puzzle will probably suggest to you what that word is.



Clues: —

Across.

1. Brag.
5. Part of verb 'to be.'
7. Insect.
8. Pronoun.
10. Haughty word.
11. Snatch.
12. French for 'he.'
13. Used on washing-day.
14. Large quantity.
15. Used on washing-day.
16. Another insect.
17. Perform.
19. Poem.
20. Regions.

Down.

1. Wicked.
2. Upon.
3. Preposition.
4. Pronoun.
5. School-children.
6. Conclusion.
7. Unruly crowd.
8. For.
11. Pleased.
12. Nation.
13. Title.
14. Poem.
15. Father.

## THE TINKER BELL CLUB.

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## LOCAL CRICKET STATISTICS.

Four Elevens Complete  
Their Season.

## NEED FOR CONCLUSION:

Now that interest has died down in cricket circles owing to the Indian Recreation Club having captured the honours in both Leagues it would not be out of place to give the full results of the four Clubs which completed their fixture list on Saturday last. Other Clubs with matches in hand are now in a position to conclude their season, although, for the sake of promising players, I hope that this will not be the case. At the beginning of the season a programme of matches is drawn up and at the end of the season either the Captain of the XI. or the Secretary of the Club should be able to produce that list with the full results of every game. I sincerely hope that this will be the case this year, though I have my doubts. The matches which in the ordinary course of events would be regarded as League fixtures could be concluded in a more or less friendly light so as to allow the various players of promise to compete with their more fortunate rivals in the local averages.

## LEAGUE I. CHAMPIONS.

The following are the full results of the Indian Recreation Club during the present League cricket season:

Played 7: W. 5; D. 1; L. 1.  
v. University—Won by 8 wickets.  
v. H.K.C.C.—Drawn.  
v. R.A.—Won by 2 wickets.  
v. Navy—Won by 3 wickets.  
v. C.S.C.C.—Won by 9 wickets.  
v. K.C.C.—Won by 97 runs.  
v. C.C.C.—Lost by 74 runs.

The Indians have scored 1,117 runs for the loss of 59 wickets, giving an average of 19 runs per wicket. Their opponents have scored 763 runs for the loss of 66 wickets—an average of 11 runs per wicket.

Four sides have topped the century mark (University, H.K.C.C., R.A. and C.C.C.) against the Indian attack and only one side (the C.C.C.) has been able to dismiss them for two figures.

The following are the batting and bowling averages:

Batting.  
Inns. R. H.S. N.O. Aver.  
F. D. Pereira . . . . . 6 142 57 28.40  
A. H. Madar . . . . . 6 188 50 0 26.88  
S. A. Ismail . . . . . 6 122 40\* 1 25.00  
A. H. Rumjahn . . . . . 6 122 40\* 1 24.40  
O. J. Ling . . . . . 6 80 45\* 2 20.00  
A. H. Minu . . . . . 6 105 54 0 17.50  
A. H. Minu . . . . . 6 55 37 0 9.16

The following also batted: J. S. A. Current 6, 8, 2; B. R. Irance 0, 2; A. el Arculli 0, 2; S. M. M. Rumjahn 0\*, 25; K. Nasarin 2, A. S. Ismail 8, A. Rahmin 6\*, 1\* and F. M. el Arculli 4, 1.

Bowling.  
O. M. R. W. Aver.  
F. D. Pereira . . . . . 66.4 10 233 27 8.63  
A. H. Minu . . . . . 73 22 169 18 9.28  
A. H. Madar . . . . . 11 2 38 4 9.50  
A. H. Rumjahn . . . . . 19.3 4 50 6 10.00

The following also bowled: F. M. el Arculli 9—45—1; B. R. Irance 8—1—41; J. S. A. Current 7—2—23—2; A. H. Rumjahn 8.4—2—54—2; J. M. A. Rumjahn 2—0—7—0; A. H. Rumjahn 2—0—10—2 and M. R. Abbas 2—0—2—0.

Fielding.  
In the field 26 catches have been taken. A. H. Rumjahn and S. A. Ismail claiming the honour of holding the most catches (7 each) during the season. The following have also made catches—O. Ismail 4; A. K. Minu 3; A. el Arculli 2; A. H. Rumjahn 1; A. H. Madar 1 and A. Rahmin 1. S. A. Ismail has stumped five and caught seven batsmen.

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The following also bowled: D. R. Kelly 11—1—55—0; R. G. Robertson 5—0—23—0; J. E. Richardson 7—1—36—0; F. J. de Rome 1—0—3—0; R. M. Wood 1—0—20—0; D. McLellan 6—1—32—0.

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# EASIER GOLF

by H. STUART HOBSON

DOES IT HELP TO PLAY GOLF WITH THE PROFESSIONAL?

EXAMPLE AND PRECEPT.

A few golfers were discussing the other day the wisdom or otherwise of playing golf with the club professional.

They were speaking from the standpoint of the long-handicap man. The scratch man does not experience the same heartburnings over the disparity between amateur and professional. It is the long-handicap man who is apt to be sensitive about his relative incompetency.

And there you have the answer to the question.

A golfer who feels so sensitive when matched against a better player that he cannot produce his shots has hardly the temperament that makes a match-winning player. The professional who has the effect of introducing these emotions can hardly be the most helpful kind of professional.

Normally a match between professional and long-handicap golfers should be a happy game.

Both adversaries should be care-free—the professional because he has no real fear of losing, even with the handicap he carries, and the amateur because he can have no possible regrets over defeat, and because there is always the chance of victory following an unusual form.

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But many players are temperamentally better-suited to the dour, fighting game, with fortunes fluctuating and no mercy on either side.

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Years ago the professional spent his time making clubs, selling balls, and giving lessons. Occasionally he played a match against some of the stronger club members who could give him game. Even more occasionally he competed in open events for some small prizes.

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GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR  
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The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanling to-morrow:—

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9.20	W. W. MacKenzie, G. G. Johnston.
9.24	N. S. Ellis, G. Thomsen.
9.28	A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.
9.32	W. N. Buyers, W. A. Weight.
9.36	B. D. Evans, D. M. McDougall.
9.40	J. H. Davy, M. N. Cochran.
9.44	C. Mycock, J. Forbes.
9.48	A. C. I. Bowker, D. F. C. Cleland.
9.52	F. C. Young, J. Nicholson.
9.56	T. Low, R. C. Law.
10.00	I. D. Lennox, J. W. Alabaster.
10.04	J. E. H. Cogan, H. Lowe.
10.08	J. R. Hinton, W. Wright.
10.12	K. K. Rounds, R. Sanger.
10.16	G. Castle, W. Paterson.
10.20	P. S. Grant, J. B. Lanyon.
10.24	N. K. Littlejohn, J. S. Dykes.
10.28	A. Ritchie, R. Young.
10.32	P. Sykes, T. C. Monaghan.
10.36	A. N. Macfadyen, Q. A. Macfadyen.
10.40	R. S. W. Paterson, J. G. Campbell.
10.44	A. G. Coppin, S. A. Langston.
10.48	J. H. Raikes, I. C. Hight.
10.52	C. Bounphrey, R. Brown.
10.56	O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.
11.00	A. H. Ferguson, A. B. Raworth.
11.04	R. W. Taplin, C. B. Terde.
11.08	W. R. Vallance, D. G. R. Robertson.
11.12	F. H. Crapnell, E. Sommers.
11.16	G. W. Garrett, P. S. Cassidy.

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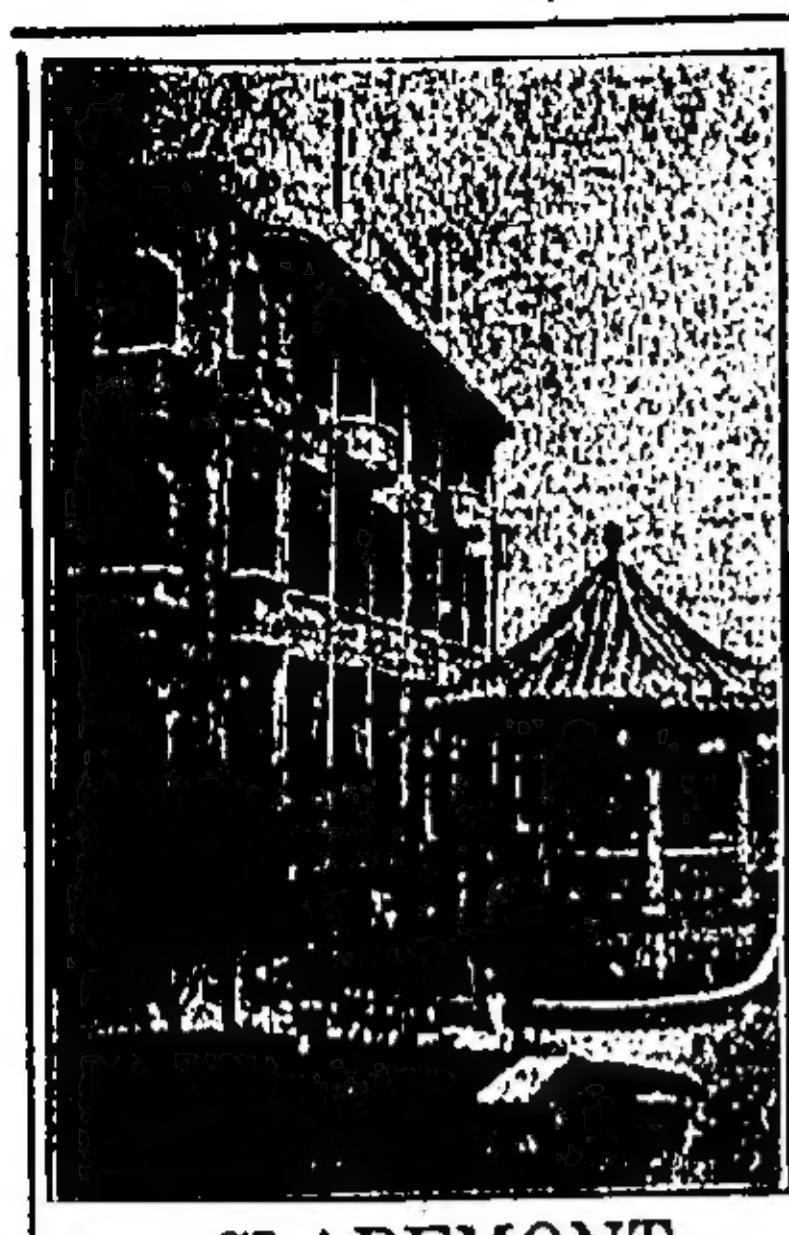
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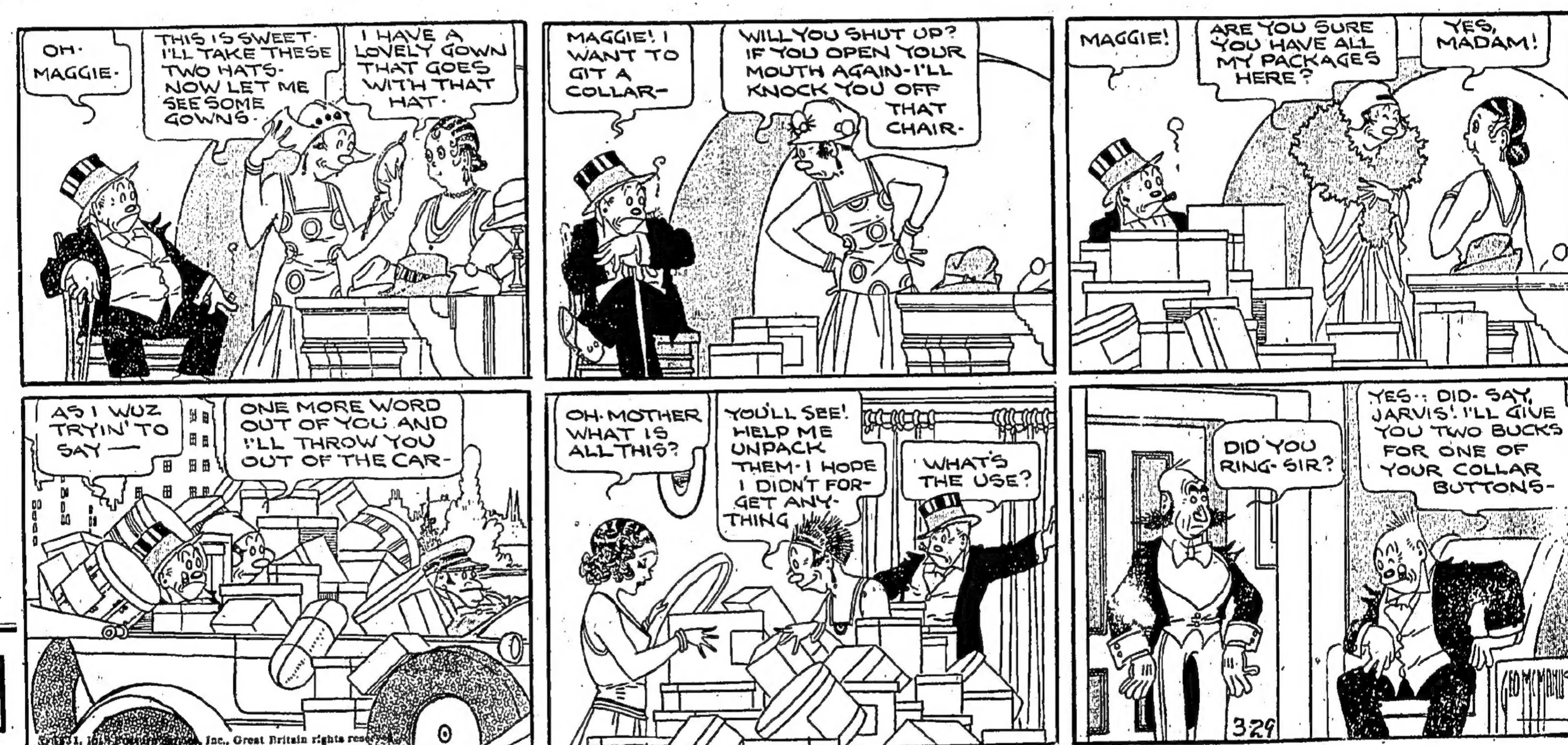
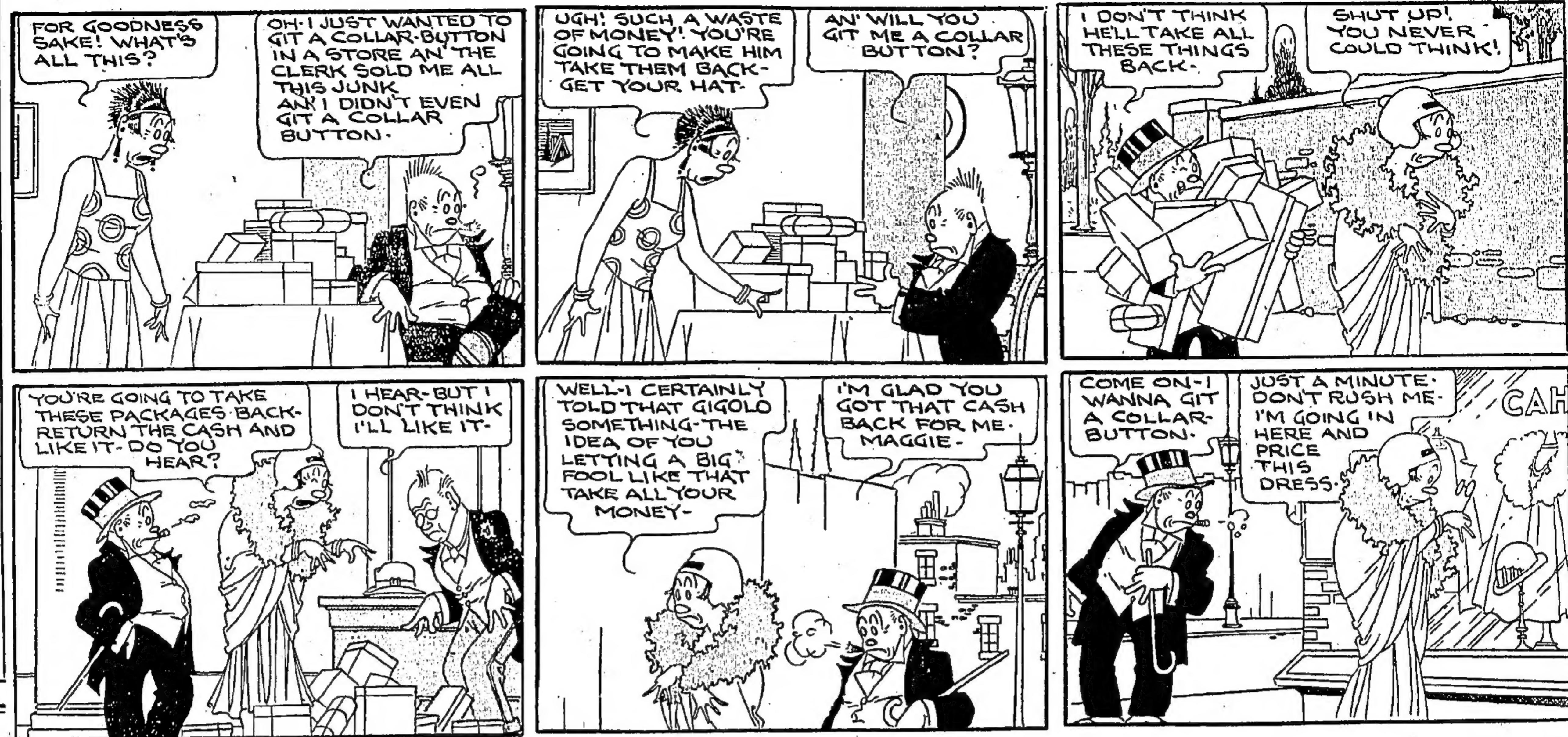
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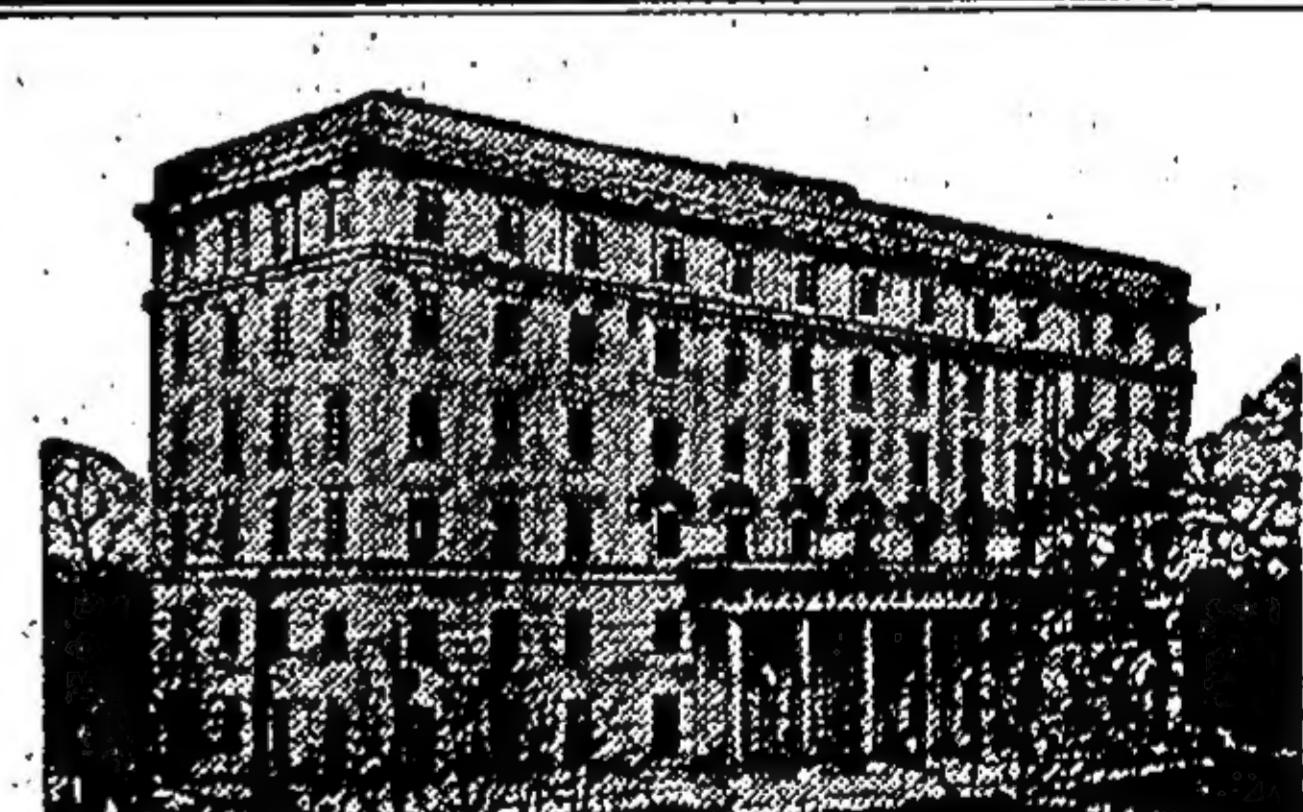
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#### PRISONER'S FATE.

#### FUTILE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM JAIL.

#### EVIDENCE AT INQUEST.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the Coroner's jury who sat with Mr. E. H. Williams yesterday afternoon to hold an inquest on Cho Wai, alias Fung Cheung, a life-term prisoner of Victoria Jail, who met his death on Thursday night when he fell from the roof of the jail building when making an attempt to escape.

The man who saw the prisoner fall to death was an Indian warden who said that at about 9.30 p.m. on Thursday he was patrolling the vicinity of "E" Hall, situated at the corner of Arbuthnot Road and Chancery Lane when he saw a man hanging from the roof. He drew his revolver and shouted in Cantonese to the man not to move. Just at that moment the man fell on to the corner of a small projecting roof on the first floor and then toppled over to the ground floor, striking the ground about two yards from where the witness was standing. The man moved his head and then lay motionless.

Chief Warden McLeod, who conducted the proceedings, informed the Court that finger marks were found on the wall showing how the man had scrambled up with the aid of the ventilation holes.

The Chief Warden remarked that the rope (which was fastened to a ventilation louvre, 15 feet from the edge of the roof) was about three or four feet from the top of a water pipe, making it just possible for the man to reach it. He could have stepped on to the pipe and then climbed down.

Foreman of the Jury: Even then he would have landed in the yard?

Coroner: Yes.

Foreman of the Jury: Does that roof lead to the outside world?

Chief Warden McLeod explained that there was a temporary roof about twenty feet from the top of the wall which led into Chancery Lane and with the present building operations being carried out there, if the prisoner had got into the yard proper he could have walked over the wall if nobody had seen him.

The prisoner was sentenced on two counts, (intimidation and sending a threatening letter), on November 19, 1923, by the late Chief Justice Sir Henry Gomperz. On the first count he was given three years' hard labour and twenty years on the second, the sentences being concurrent.

#### MOURNER'S PLIGHT.

#### "CORPSE" THAT WAS ONLY SLUMBERING.

Pedestrians in a Paris street one day not long ago were surprised to see an apparently dead man lying on a bench. The effect was enhanced by the fact that a wreath dangled from the supposedly deceased man's feet while on his chest was pinned a sheet of paper with the words "Pray for me."

On the arrival of the police, however, the "corpse" was found merely to be heavily slumbering, and was taken to the police station, where he revived. He then explained that he had been on the way to a funeral, but meeting some friends had stopped in a bar to console himself, until it was too late to go to the burial, by which time he was not in a state to do anything but lie down.

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#### ALFONSO'S PLANS.

(Continued from Page 1.)  
are Royal nominees ineligible to join the Constituent Assembly, which will be elected on national suffrage.

Provincial Governors Sacked.  
The Civil Governors of all the provinces have been summarily dismissed by official decree. Fresh Governors have been appointed.

All officers and soldiers under arrest have been liberated, "to mark the advent of the revolution."

Status of the Church.

London, Yesterday.  
A report that the new Spanish Government had renounced the State Catholic religion which was given prominence yesterday evening is not confirmed in a report from Madrid, which says that while a decree relating to freedom of worship has been prepared, and another decree will provide for secularisation of cemeteries, competent observers are of opinion that the Government hitherto has not made any move in the direction of disestablishment, and can hardly do so without seriously undermining its position.

The Minister of Justice yesterday received a deputation from the Chapter of Madrid Cathedral. This is interpreted as meaning its recognition of the present régime.

It is reported from Barcelona that a declaration is being published on behalf of various Catholic bodies stating that they are prepared to accept the new régime. The declaration ends, "God save the Republic."

The police have been strictly ordered to prevent any demonstrations against the Church.

Centre of Attraction.

Paris, Yesterday.  
It was three o'clock in the morning before Alfonso was abed at his hotel, after one of the most tiring days of his life.

He sat up late discussing events with Queen Ena, who is noticeably more cheerful since the King arrived.

Alfonso rose in the morning evidently refreshed, and ate a hearty breakfast. The Queen of the Belgians called to see him at ten o'clock, and caught the train at eleven for Brussels.

The Prince of Asturias is still abed, but is better.

Around this royal, domestic drama the hotel throbs with excitement, the hall being packed with journalists. Outside stand film camera men ready to "shoot." Crowds outside gaze at the windows of the Royal suite.

The visitors' book is being signed all day-long by distinguished sympathisers. One old lady wrote, "Louise Théley and Countess Jean de Belleville, condemned to death by the Germans in 1915. Saved by the intervention of the King of Spain."

Queen's Ordeal.

Madrid, Yesterday.  
An eyewitness has told Reuter the story of Queen Ena's last terrible night in Spain spent in an almost deserted palace accompanied only by her children, the Duchess of San Carlos, the ladies in waiting and twelve halberdiers — faithful old retainers who refused to desert their posts, although they would have been little real help in case of trouble, for they were practically unarmed.

Outside the walls of the palace, clearly visible from the royal apartments, a mob surged to and fro, the men wearing red caps and waving red flags and torches, shouting insults and clamouring for adulation.

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#### RIOT IN EGYPT.

#### 13 POLICEMEN SLIGHTLY INJURED.

#### TRAIN STONED.

Cairo, Yesterday.  
One demonstrator was killed, three were wounded and seven were otherwise injured, while thirteen policemen were slightly wounded, in a riot at Dekerness, in Upper Egypt.

A train bearing a number of notable persons bound for Mansura to attend a reception in honour of the Prime Minister was stopped and stoned by a mob, and the passengers were forced to alight. Police reinforcements were summoned, but meanwhile the crowd detached the engine and blocked the line.

The police were greeted with a volley of stones, and fired on and dispersed the demonstrators.

#### COLONEL SENT TO JAIL.

Colonel James Harvey Brown, D.S.O., aged fifty-one, who came up for judgment at the Old Bailey having been found guilty of fraudulently converting to his own use £250 alleged to have been received by him on behalf of the International Brick Company, of which he was promoter and director, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division.

Colonel Brown, a Canadian by birth, had a distinguished war record. He was awarded the D.S.O. for his part in the operations against Bagdad, and the O.E.E. for services in the Caucasus.

The Common Sergeant, Sir Henry Dickens, K.C., said that he had the most unpleasant duty, a judge had to do — to sentence a man who, up to a certain period, had a brilliant career.

"Colonel Brown," said Sir Henry, "was not truthful in regard to the charge. He lied. I can forgive a good deal, but lying necessarily has the effect of destroying any sympathy a judge may have."

"The fraudulent conversion of £250 was done with premeditation."

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Mail has been received at the American Consulate-General for the following persons:

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scenes of the French revolution must be re-enacted. The Queen mastered her emotion and sought to console the women weeping and trembling round her.

At length, dawn broke, after a sleepless vigil.

How near tragedy came is revealed in the fact that an attempt was actually made to force the iron gates by means of a heavy lorry.

Refugees at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Yesterday.  
Spanish grandees and monarchists of lesser degrees are crowding for Gibraltar, and the hotels here are full of fugitives, including General Jordana, the Spanish High Commissioner to Morocco, whose resignation was announced at Madrid.

After receipt of the news, the native guard at his offices in Tetuan fired on Republican demonstrators. — Reuter.

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